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## CHEQUE CASE COLLAPSES.

### Judge Rules Out New Evidence.

#### BANK TO PAY \$72,665.

A somewhat sensational conclusion was reached this morning to the case which was being tried before the Chief Justice (Sir William Kees Davies) and a Special Jury, in which the Tai Wo firm of Eastern Street, sued the Bank of East Asia for \$72,665 which the plaintiffs alleged, was paid out by the bank to some persons unknown on two forged cheques. On page 2 of this issue will be found a report of the cross-examination of Mr. E. R. Dovey, the handwriting expert, which took place yesterday afternoon and in which he admitted that the signatures were forgeries although he had previously stated that they were genuine. This morning Mr. Potter for the Bank endeavoured to argue that even if the signatures and chop were forged they were sent to the Bank by the authority and with the knowledge of the Tai Wo firm and were therefore binding. His Lordship, after lengthy argument with Mr. Potter, held that Mr. Potter was not entitled to raise that issue, inasmuch as it had never been pleaded or opened. The case therefore suddenly ended, the Jury returning a verdict for the plaintiff without leaving the box.

MR. DOVEY RECALLED. When the Court first opened, Mr. Dovey was recalled by Mr. Potter and stated that since yesterday he had examined other genuine cheques to see if there were signs of tracing and he could not discover any. The signature on the application form was a tracing of the signature on cheque No. 34869 (a genuine one), but none of the three suspected signatures were tracings off that cheque. They did not tally on being superimposed. He had endeavoured to discover whether any of the signatures on the two suspected cheques or on the receipt were from any of the genuine cheques, but he had not succeeded. So far as he could find out from the cheques and other documents in his possession, those three signatures were not tracings.

The Foreman of the Jury stated that when Mr. Dovey gave evidence yesterday he laid stress on the fact that certain up-strokes in Lau Se Yuen's signatures were as thick as the down-strokes, and that the same characteristic was to be found in the suspected signatures. The jury wished to know whether it would be possible for a forger to make his up-strokes as thick as his down-strokes when inking in the tracing of a signature. He (the foreman) had been trying it himself with his own signature — (laughter) — and it had occurred to him that it was not very easy.

Mr. Dovey said that it would appear to be a laboured signature and not a natural one if a forger took pains to make up-strokes as thick as down-strokes but it could be done. It was a small point which a forger might very easily overlook.

HIS LORDSHIP OBJECTS. Mr. Potter then called another witness from the Bank, but His Lordship objected, saying that Mr. Potter had stated that, apart from a legal point which he wished to argue, he had closed his case.

Mr. Potter stated that he had not closed his case. He admitted that yesterday afternoon he did not intend to call further evidence, but, with great deference, he suggested that he was entitled to do so in order to give the Bank an opportunity of combatting the suggestion that somebody, inside the Bank had copied the signatures and committed the forgery. He wanted the Bank to have an opportunity of stating what happened to cheques when they were paid in and that no employee would ever have a chance of the

interests of justice he was entitled to call that evidence.

His Lordship pointed out that Mr. Potter had closed his case. He had tried to prove that the signatures were genuine, had called an expert witness who had eventually admitted that the signatures were forged, and now wished to call other evidence.

Mr. Potter said there could only be two suggestions as to where the forged cheques came from. They might have come from the Tai Wo firm or from someone inside the Bank. He was going to argue in law that if a cheque was issued by a firm if a firm was aware of a cheque being issued — it did not matter whose name appeared on that cheque, but if the firm had knowledge of it being issued, then the firm was bound by it.

Mr. Jenkins: But that point cannot be raised. It hasn't even been pleaded.

Mr. Potter: It doesn't need to be pleaded. I shall argue that where a man knows that a cheque is issued, it doesn't matter what name that cheque bears; it is nevertheless his cheque and it binds him provided he was aware of its issue.

His Lordship: You have not put forward any evidence on that point.

Mr. Jenkins: This is the very first time we have ever heard of it.

His Lordship said the point had never been pleaded, and it wasn't in the "reply" on the file.

#### A NEW POINT.

Mr. Potter: My pleading is that the cheques are the cheques of the firm, and the law is quite clear that if Lau Se Yuen knew these cheques had been issued, they are binding on him. It is not necessary that the drawer of a cheque should sign it; it can be signed by any hand so long as he knew that his signature had been written on it; and that the cheque had been issued with his knowledge and by his authority. In this case, I shall argue that Lau Se Yuen knew these cheques were issued and knew that they were drawn in favour of the Yangtze Trading Company. It is a matter of indifference who actually signed them if he knew they were signed and used.

After further argument, Mr. Potter admitted that they at first believed that the signatures were those of Lau Se Yuen. When I first came into the case I thought the chop was a genuine one. It was only the other day that we first knew the chop to be a forged one.

His Lordship: — I certainly — half not allow you to go to the jury with this entirely new case.

To the jury his Lordship said: — The whole object of a plea is to give both sides an opportunity before coming into Court of knowing what case they have to meet. The parties are not called upon to plead law, but they have to set out the material facts on which they rely. The allegations of the Bank are that Lau Se Yuen did himself affix the chop and put his signatures to the cheques and an expert was called to prove that. Then that expert frankly admitted that the signatures were forgeries. Now Counsel says that they were forgeries but has taken up the alternative position that they were done by the authority and with the knowledge of Lau Se Yuen. That has never been suggested before until the present moment. Under those circumstances I certainly hold that he cannot raise at this stage an entirely new point.

His Lordship: — And I have a duty as judge. My duty is to see that what is left to the jury for their consideration is what was pleaded by you, namely that the cheques were genuine. Your case all through has been to answer the allegation of the plaintiff.

In summing up, His Lordship said that he would rather take the jury's experience on the facts of the case. The court

fogged, but your evidence on that point has failed. What are you going to ask the jury now?

Mr. Potter: — I am going to ask the jury to say that the evidence points to one fact and that is that the person who drew these cheques was a person in the Tai Wo firm, that it was to the firm that a cheque book was delivered, that it was from the firm that the receipt was given back to the Bank, that the man in that firm who drew the cheques was a man who knew every penny of money that was in the Bank, and what was going to be paid into the Bank, because the man who drew the cheques had knowledge that in two days' time certain sums would be paid in. I am going to submit that the evidence of the chit coolie who took the cheque book to the firm, who took the receipt and a chopped delivery book back to the Bank, is good evidence.

#### SHOULD HAVE PLEADED.

His Lordship: — You said first of all that these two cheques contained the actual signature of Lau Se Yuen and you went to great pains to establish that the signatures were genuine. They are now proved to be forgeries and yet you say you are going to ask the jury to say that they were issued with the knowledge and by the authority of somebody in the firm. There is no evidence of that at all, and you should have pleaded it. I hold it in law that you should have pleaded it.

Addressing the jury, His Lordship said: — Mr. Potter now wanted to say that the Manager of the Tai Wo firm knew those cheques were issued. "How is it possible for a man to know where his position in this Court if such allegations are not put on the pleadings?"

To Mr. Potter His Lordship said: — You have alleged that these cheques were genuine and you must stand by your original position. I shall rule that you must have pleaded.

Mr. Potter argued that the point he wished to take was raised by the pleadings. The plaintiffs had said that the cheques were not issued by their authority. Surely he could argue on that: there was no pleading in language otherwise.

A FRANK OPINION.

His Lordship: You are setting up an entirely new case. If I might be quite frank, Mr. Potter, the only reason you did not put in an alternative plea was because you relied on your expert evidence to prove that these cheques were genuine.

Mr. Potter: — With great deference, no. The reason why I did not file a rejoinder was because I thought the pleading was entirely sufficient. We did at first think that we were going to establish that the signatures were those of Lau Se Yuen.

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THE VERDICT.

In summing up, His Lordship said that he would rather take the jury's experience on the facts of the case. The court

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#### CANTON STRIKE SENSATION.

#### GUILD MANAGER AND WIFE MURDERED.

A report reaches us from Canton to the effect the manager of the Guild which had organized the rice strike there has been murdered, together with his wife.

It appears that the manager, whose name was Yim Yuet-sang, was asleep in bed with his wife in the early hours of the 27th instant, when six intruders, who gained admittance as visitors, came in and went direct to the sleeping room. They were armed with revolvers, and they fired four shots at the occupants of the bed, killing both. No arrests have been made.

A report says it is believed that the strike will now end.

#### CANTON GAMBLING.

#### DISPUTE BETWEEN RIVAL TROOPS.

There is a dispute in Canton between the Yunnanese and Kiangsi military commanders over the question of gambling, and it is feared that serious consequences may result therefrom.

It appears that the divisional commander of the Yunnanese forces has issued a notice to the effect that the privileges for gambling have been granted to a certain syndicate for the whole city, whilst, on the other hand, the Kiangsi commanders have issued a notice for the suppression of all kinds of gambling.

All the gambling dens are at present, heavily guarded and it is feared that a conflict with the Kiangsi troops may occur.

evidence for the defence had failed to prove that the signatures were genuine and it was now admitted that they were forged. It would have been almost without precedent if he (His Lordship) had allowed Mr. Potter to proceed with the argument that the cheques were issued with the knowledge of Lau Se Yuen. So far as he (His Lordship) could see, the jury's duty had been purely a ministerial one and there was little, if anything, left for them to decide.

Without leaving the box, the jury returned a verdict in favour of the plaintiff.

Judgment was entered accordingly for \$72,665, the question of the interest being referred to Chambers for argument. A stay of 14 days was granted.

His Lordship, to the jury — I discharge you with the best thanks of the Colony.

#### CAPTURED BY BANDITS.

#### FATE OF MRS. LINDSAY'S BROTHER.

The many friends of Mrs. Lindsay, wife of the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, will have learned with the utmost regret that her brother, Dr. Thompson, has been kidnapped by bandits.

Dr. Thompson is a medical missionary at Yunnan-fu, and will be remembered as having preached at St. Andrew's Church. A Reuter's message shows that he was on the way to Peking for the purpose of handing over the late Brigadier General Pereira's belongings and making a report of the conditions under which the latter died, when, on the 24th instant, he was captured by bandits at Fa-tso-wen, some distance west of the Peking-Si-yuan terminus. No further details are at the moment to hand.

Dr. Thompson's wife is at present staying at the Vicarage, Kowloon, with her two children, it having been their intention to remain here until Dr. Thompson's return. Much sympathy is felt both for Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Lindsay at the news which is causing them so much anxiety.

#### ANOTHER PIRACY.

#### BATTLE WITH ARMED LAUNCHES.

There is yet another piracy to record, but this time the tale has a different ending. The news, which was received in Hongkong yesterday afternoon, has in it all the elements of a good adventure story.

The double-decked launch Hau Hoi left here on Monday at noon bound for Nantao, carrying about eighty passengers and a miscellaneous cargo. She arrived at her destination about half past five yesterday morning, and was just mooring when a boat containing some fifteen or so armed men approached, the occupants brandishing revolvers. They then boarded the launch and compelled the coxswain to steer for Pak Shek. In the meantime the passengers were robbed and the vessel looted.

TIMELY INTERVENTION.

Arrived at Pak Shek, the pirates caused the launch to be run ashore on a sandy beach, and proceeded to depart with their booty in a boat which had apparently been waiting there for them. They seized the launch coxswain and companion, compelling these men to accompany them. Just then, the fates decided to take a hand, and up came the launch Lee Fat and a junk, both carrying armed crews. The Lee Fat, it will be recalled, was not long ago herself a victim of pirates when on the way from Cheungchau to Hongkong.

It was obvious what was afoot, and the men on the Lee Fat and

and the men on the Lee Fat and junk immediately opened fire on the pirates in the boat, who promptly replied. After nearly half an hour's battle, up came another launch, the Hang On, which immediately joined in the fray, and the pirates decided to flee. They got away after losing two men, mortally wounded, and had to leave the coxswain and companion behind. These men, as soon as the fight started, had jumped into the water, and were later taken aboard one of the rescuing launches. No-one on the rescuers' side was hurt.

The Hau Hoi was brought back to Hongkong yesterday afternoon, and a report of the affair made to the Police. It is estimated that the foot pirates got away with an amount in value to a few hundred dollars.

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#### FRANCE MAY CHANGE HER ATTITUDE.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 29.

The *Libre Belgique* points out that M. Poincaré is about to change his standpoint regarding the Ruhr problem. The paper considers the evacuation of the Ruhr Valley, against payment of the French and Belgian reparations claims, as feasible, since the means for such a purpose could be secured by an international loan.

The journal points out that the Ruhr question has considerably increased of late in importance, not only owing to the change of British Government, but owing to the meeting of the First Expert Commission, which has already reached an agreement that Germany needs the whole of the Ruhr Valley's income to balance her budget.

The British Consul General, Mr. Clive, is returning to Munich, but will call at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris to report the impressions he has received in the Palatinate.

The Prussian Budget closes with a deficit of 550,000,000 gold marks.

#### SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

(Special News Service.)

Berlin, January 29.

The Polish Premier has issued a manifesto according to which no more paper money will be paid after February, whilst the Government will arrange credits with the new Goldinstanzbank exclusively.

Finland will partake in the conference of Baltic States which has been postponed and will meet at Warsaw on February 12th.

Zaghlul Pasha has formed a Cabinet which will strive at Egypt's and the Soudan's absolute autonomy.

The Universities of Berlin, Leipzig, Frankfort and Mainz are experimenting with a new Japanese remedy for cancer.

London, quoted on Monday the pound sterling at 9.000 million paper marks.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald has cautioned his constituents against over-optimism regarding what will be achieved, since Labour, in assuming office, represents a minority party;

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**BANK CASE.****YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S DEVELOPMENT.**

There was something in the nature of a sensational development yesterday afternoon in the case in which the Tai Wo firm, of Eastern Street, is suing the Bank of East Asia, for \$72,565, which had been drawn from the firm's account by means of two cheques, said to be forged.

In the morning, Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst, had given evidence to prove that the signatures on the cheques were not forgeries but were the signatures of Lan Se Yuen, manager of the Tai Wo firm. In the afternoon, when under cross-examination by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, Mr. Dovey was made to admit that the signatures were forgeries.

Cross-examined, Mr. Dovey said he had put all his observations regarding the signature and writing before the jury. He had in no way interfered with the writing himself and each time they passed personally between himself and the defendant bank's solicitors. He had not followed Dr. Hans Gross's "Criminal Investigation" in his investigations in his case.

Mr. Jenkins: Well you will now, with me.

Mr. Dovey further said he was familiar with the test of superimposition in the case of suspected tracing. He did not use that method in this case and was of opinion these signatures had not been traced.

Mr. Jenkins: Well I'm going to show you that there is tracing. I ask you to accept it from me that within 15 minutes of the bundle of cheques coming into my hands last Wednesday I discovered myself stencilling on the genuine cheque.

When I show you with a microscope you will see the tracing running up and down the signature like nullahs.

**Demonstration.**

Mr. Jenkins here commenced a series of interesting demonstrations. He showed Mr. Dovey a signature on the last genuine cheque under a glass and asked what could be seen.

Mr. Dovey: There has been a point passed over the whole signature. That is, there is a groove over the whole writing.

Mr. Jenkins then demonstrated the same thing to his Lordship, the jury and counsel for the defendants.

Mr. Jenkins: Can one suspect tracing?

Mr. Dovey: Yes.

Mr. Jenkins, handing the judge a paper, "Do you see your signature my Lord?"

His Lordship: Yes.

Mr. Jenkins: Well it's not yours, I wrote it. (Laughter)

His Lordship: If you're not careful Mr. Jenkins, we shall begin to think that you are responsible for these tracings! (Laughter)

Mr. Jenkins, in reply to an observation by Mr. Potter—I shall forge one for \$30,000 on your account!

Mr. Potter: It wouldn't be a bit of use to you Mr. Jenkins! (Laughter)

Further cross-examined, Mr. Dovey agreed that comparative measurement would demonstrate that a suspected signature had been traced from a genuine one.

**Forgery.**

Thereupon Mr. Jenkins requested Mr. Dovey to measure the enlargements of Lan Se-Yuen's signature. Mr. Dovey made measurements on a genuine one and on a suspected one. He found the length of the

genuine signature 423 millimetres and the suspected 50 millimetres. The "Y" from top to bottom measured 193 millimetres on the genuine and 20 millimetres on the other one.

Mr. Jenkins: Practically identical?

Mr. Dovey: Very close.

Mr. Jenkins: Are you commencing to doubt whether the signatures have been traced?

Mr. Dovey: If one of the suspected signatures will superimpose I can have no doubt that it is a forgery.

Mr. Jenkins: Another way is comparative measurement?

Witness: Yes, but it only deals with a few points.

Mr. Jenkins: I'm going to give you plenty more. Are you getting a bit doubtful?

Witness: It looks very suspicious.

Mr. Jenkins: We put much weight on your opinion in this court and I'm obliged to you for your statement.

In reply to further questions Mr. Dovey said what had been brought out was remarkable.

Mr. Jenkins: It is a remarkable thing that it was entirely overlooked by an expert of some standing. Have you any doubts that the signature on the application form is a forgery? I have more points you know!

Mr. Dovey: I don't think there is much doubt.

The Chief Justice: That applies to the application form.

**Very Clever.**

Mr. Jenkins: You may withdraw the whole of your evidence which was this morning directed towards proving that this signature was not a forgery!

Mr. Dovey: This is much stronger evidence; it only goes to show the cleverness of the forgery.

He agreed that it was undoubtedly traced from a genuine signature and that his evidence in chief must be withdrawn.

Mr. Jenkins: Having to admit that the photo can now be torn up, do you still hold the confirmed opinion that the signatures were written by the man Lan Se-Yuen himself?

Mr. Dovey: It certainly throws very great doubt upon it.

Mr. Jenkins: I put it to you that this writing is that of a man of much greater vigour and a more youthful man than the man who wrote the genuine ones!

Mr. Dovey: I consider that they are written more carefully. The angles are more curved.

Mr. Jenkins: Exactly.

Mr. Dovey added that this was not so in the body of the cheques.

Mr. Jenkins: Quite so. I shall bury that body I expect. The witness said he could not admit that the writing on the suspected cheques was left to dry when written and that on the genuine ones it had been blotted.

Mr. Jenkins: You are an expert you know. Do you mean to say you can't tell us whether any of these have been blotted or allowed to dry?

Mr. Dovey: It is quite possible that the suspected ones were allowed to dry. He added that no reason for this suggested itself to him.

**Pale Places.**

Mr. Jenkins: Do you know what Hans Gross says about pale places?

Mr. Jenkins: No.

Mr. Jenkins: You agree that in genuine signatures there are pale places and that in forgeries there are not?—Yes.

Mr. Jenkins: I put it to you that there are pale places in all the genuine signatures in this case.

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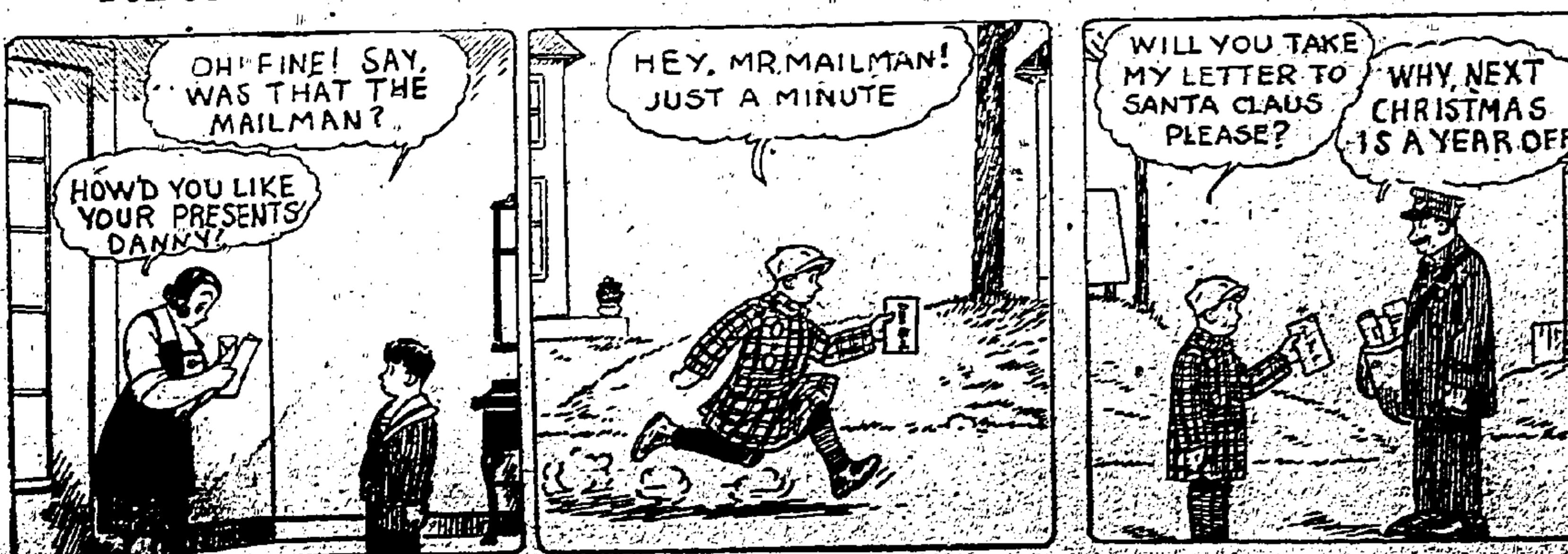
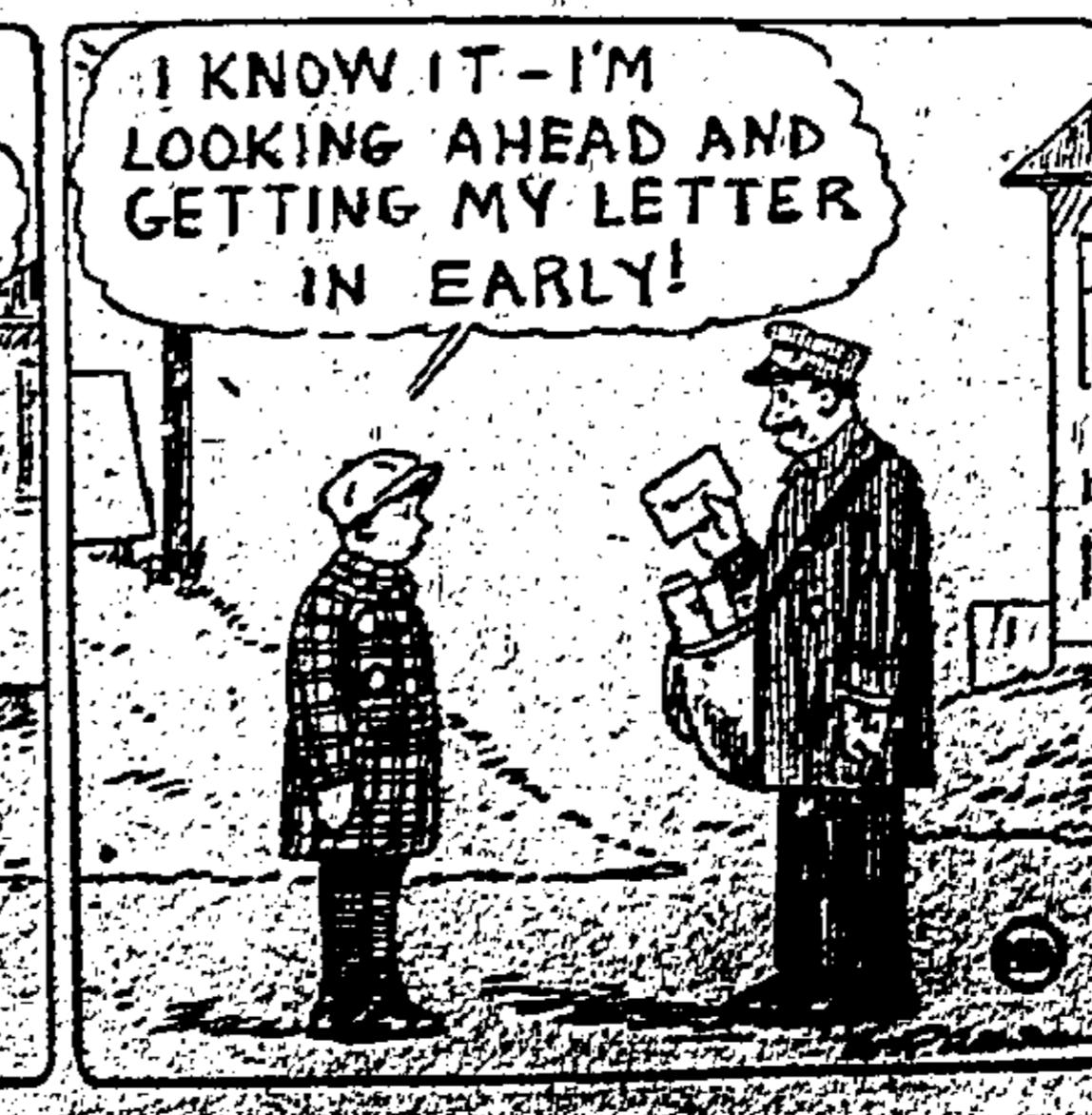
Mr. Dovey: Quite. But I could write a forged signature with pale true forger.

Mr. Jenkins: You have no doubt in your mind that through the instrumentality of some forger this man Lan Se-Yuen and the Bank have been defrauded!

Mr. Dovey: No.

Mr. Jenkins here intimated that he would not further cross-examine

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SUN YAT-SEN'S PLEA.

MESSAGE TO BRITISH LABOUR.

Telegraphic advices from Canton received last night bring the account of a message sent by Dr. Sun Yat-sen to the new British Premier and his followers.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen asks for a change of viewpoint in Great Britain with regard to China and Chinese affairs, pointing to the strides made in recent years.

The full text of the message follows:

Canton, Jan. 29.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has cabled the following message to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald: "Permit a fellow-worker in the cause of Labour to send you fraternal greetings, and hail your party's accession to power at the morning of a new era, not only in English history, but in the secular affairs of nations."

"We look to you to deal with China not as if she were still a conquered nation, of the day of opium wars and 'Boxer' outbreak (which has seemed to be the implicit or unconscious attitude of your predecessors at the Foreign Office, and successive British Ministers to this country), but as the home of a people whose civilizing work in Asia, both as conqueror and teacher, entitles them, at least, to the same treatment now accorded to nations whose sovereignty has been freed of pre-war fetters."

"And in particular I have to ask you to examine afresh the fanciful views which some of your official subordinates hold of me as a Labour leader and a Socialist."

Kuo-Min-Tang also cable. The following cable has been sent to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald by the Kuo-min-tang Conference:

The Right Hon. Ramsay Macdonald, London: The National Conference Kuo-min-tang, representing every province and territory in China and Chinese overseas, now in session at Canton, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the programme of this party in promoting democracy and improving social welfare of people is in many respects similar to that of British Labour Party;

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

HUNGARIAN FINANCES.

London, Jan. 29. The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent states that the Commissioner General for supervision of Hungary's finances under the reconstruction scheme will be Mr. W. F. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board of Washington. The appointment is everywhere welcomed in financial circles.—Reuter.

GOVERNMENT SHARE HOLDINGS.

London, Jan. 29. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced that the Government has decided that it is not prepared to dispose of the Government share holdings in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT LOAN.

Paris, Jan. 29. It is semi-officially denied that the Rumanian Government has declined the proposed loan from France, to which France has already agreed, as was previously reported.—Reuter.

CATTLE DISEASE OUTBREAK OVERCOME.

London, Jan. 29. There are signs that the foot and mouth outbreak has been subdued. Only forty-six cases occurred last week, the fewest since 23rd August.—Reuter.

RAILWAY STRIKE OVER.

London, Jan. 29. The railway strike has been settled.—Reuter.

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SHANGHAI BROKER'S SUICIDE.

WIFE DISCOVERS BODY AT OFFICE.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

Mr. Meyer Fredericks, a prominent member of the Sharebrokers' Association residing at the Kalee Hotel, committed suicide at his offices, No. 25 Jimkee Road, this morning. Placing a rifle in the corner of the room, he lay on the floor and pushed the trigger with a ruler.

Fredericks failed to return home last night but was seen entering his office at eleven at night. This was the last seen of him alive. His wife, worried over his absence, visited the office and discovered the body. It is believed he was in financial difficulties.

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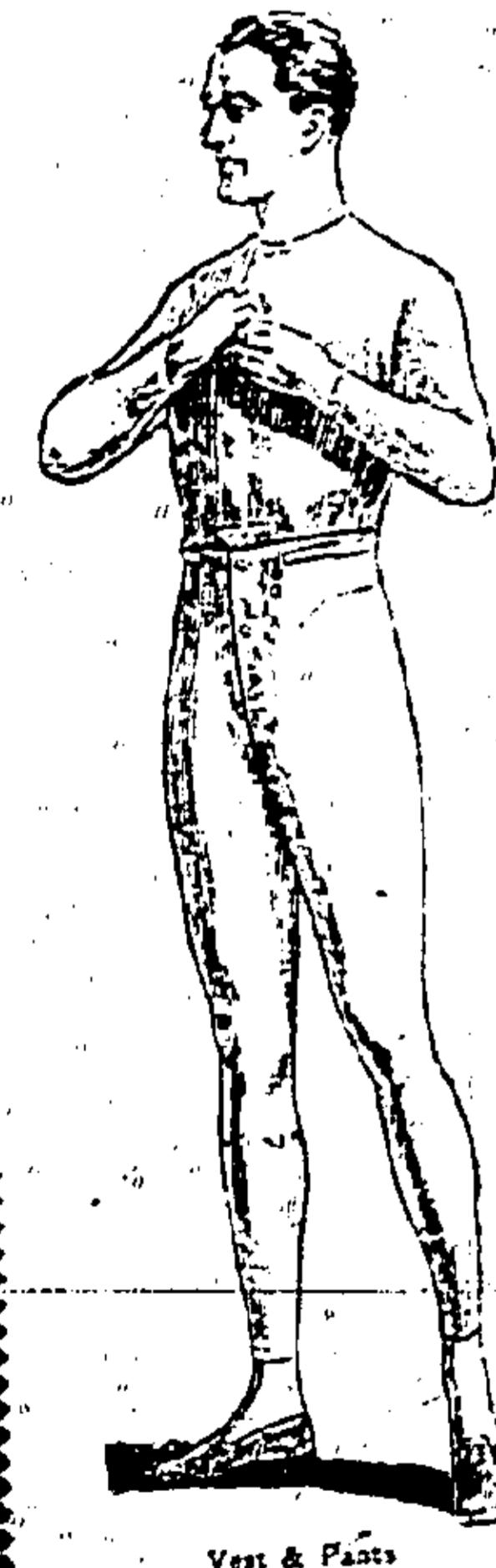
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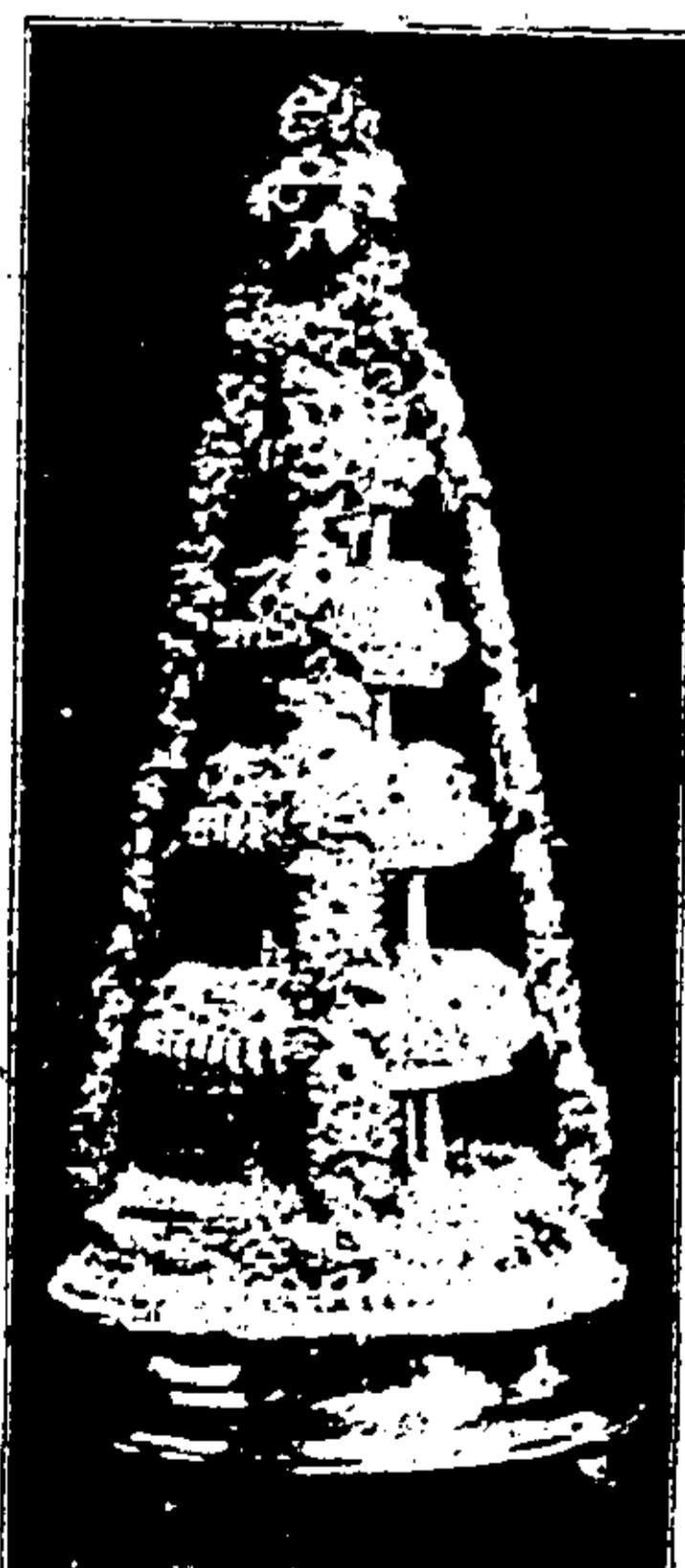
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, 9th January 1924.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 1st February to 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd Jan. 1924.

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

Sealed Tenders will be received at the Office of the O.C. R.A.S.C. Headquarter Offices, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 o'clock noon, on the dates stated, for the undermentioned services for a period of twelve months from 1st April, 1924.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 21st January to Saturday, 2nd February 1924, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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10, Queen's Road Central  
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## NOTICE.

MEMBERS of the Queen's College Old Boys Association are reminded of the Extraordinary General Meeting in the College Hall on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at 5.30 p.m.

## NOTICE.

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(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

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**DOLLAR LINER COMING.****BIG CELEBRATIONS IN SHANGHAI.**

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

The President Harrison, the first Dollar round-the-world ship, arrived to-day bringing the San Francisco Trade Party and others. She was met by a delegation from the American Chamber of Commerce. An elaborate entertainment programme is planned during the stay in Shanghai, including a reception at the American Consulate, a Chamber of Commerce dinner, and a motor trip excursion to Soochow. She leaves Friday morning for Hongkong.

**SMALLPOX VICTIMS.****TWO AMERICANS DEAD IN SHANGHAI.**

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Jan. 29.

Two more foreign deaths from smallpox, both Americans, are reported to-day. They are the Rev. Walter Thompson, an Independent Missionary teacher, at Benlah School, and D. A. Moody, a seaman on the U.S.S. Hannibal.

Funeral services were held yesterday for Mrs. Elvina Elizabeth Courtney, the American wife of Frank J. Courtney, who died of smallpox on Saturday midnight.



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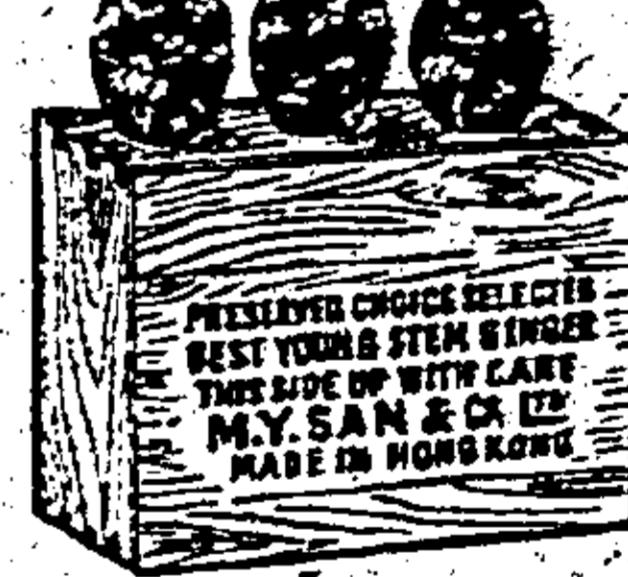
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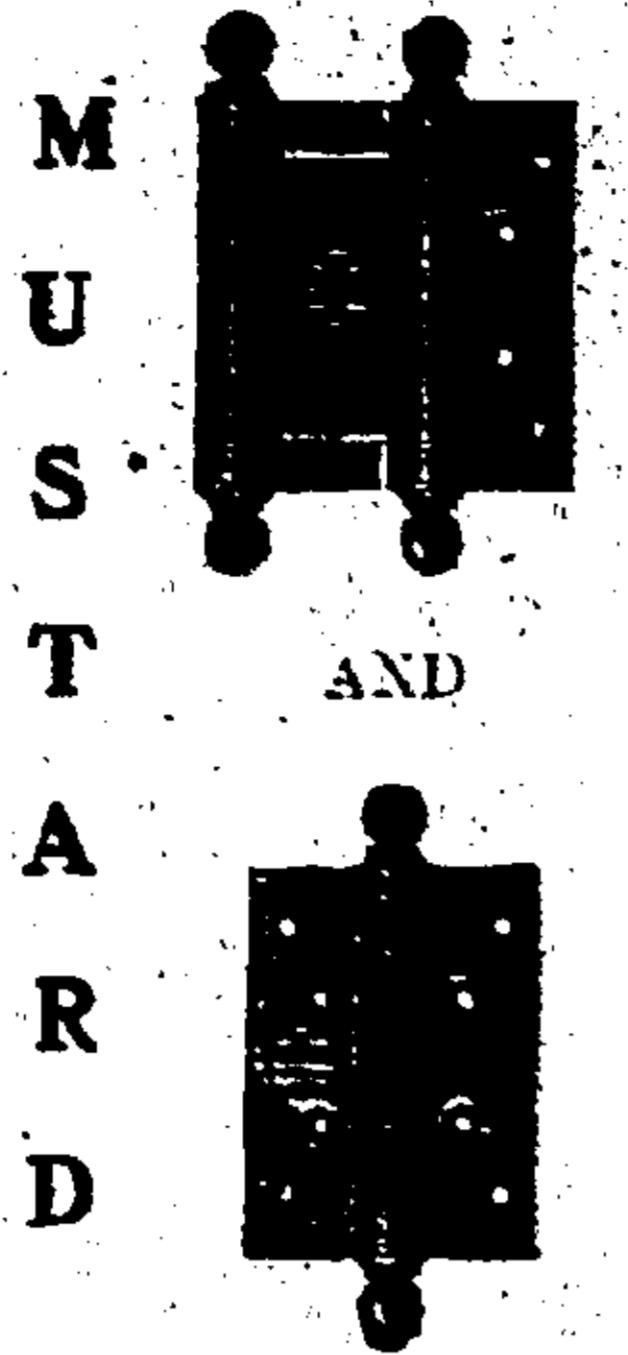
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**TIME TO ACT..**

The strong comments which we yesterday reprinted from a Shanghai shipping paper, suggesting that further delay in dealing with the pirate problem would be criminal, may be taken as representing the views of those who are most directly concerned in this matter—the men who man our ships and have in their keeping the lives and property of others. Whether the suggestion of an expedition to ferret out the pirate gangs is feasible, and whether it would put a stop to the evil, we should not care to say. These are matters for the authorities both here and in Canton to consider. But that patience is being exhausted over the absence of any organised means of combating the pirates there can be no shadow of doubt. We should hesitate to add further to the many suggestions which have been put forward to deal with the evil—some reasonable, and many others which verge on the ridiculous—but we are quite at one with those who urge the need for urgent action. That, it seems to us, is the prime necessity.

Very many weeks ago, draft regulations covering various aspects of the problem were circulated, but these were considered so absurd in certain regards that they met with unanimous condemnation from practical men. Since then, we believe the Government and the Chambers of Commerce have been conferring on the subject, but no one outside the charmed circle appears to have the slightest idea as to the present state of the controversy. What we all know, however, is that whilst the "conversations" are proceeding, fresh piracies are occurring and lives being sacrificed. Nero fiddles while Rome burns. The public and seafaring men are becoming increasingly impatient meanwhile. What we should like to feel is that full and ample opportunity is being given for practical men—men who know the dangers from experience—to express their views on the subject. The Coast Officers' and Engineers' Guilds are very vitally interested in this matter, and we presume that they are losing no time in presenting to the authorities the views of their members. Their advice appears to us to be absolutely essential.

Whatever is done, it is clear that there must be co-operation between the Hongkong and the Canton authorities. The fact needs no stressing that Canton, of itself, is utterly unable to cope with the problem. But it is equally true that the Canton authorities have shown the utmost willingness to co-operate with Hongkong in tracking down the evil-doers. We are presuming, therefore, that no objection would be offered to a patrol system, the benefits of which would be shared by Canton just as much as by Hongkong. It must not be overlooked that Chinese nationals are great sufferers from the operations of pirates, and that fact should supply a sufficient reason for Canton's acquiescence in any reasonable scheme for the joint protection of the lives and property of foreigners and Chinese. Of all the suggestions put forward, the advisability of some system of patrols appears to us to stand out as one imperative need, and we hope that means of instituting it will be found without much further delay.

**Degrees of Appreciation.**

Yesterday saw the close of the exhibition of watercolours by Japanese artists—we are told they are famous artists—in the City Hall, and it will not be out of place to comment on one or two aspects of the display. We should be failing in our duty as impartial critics if we pretended to think that every one of the pictures shown was a veritable work of art or that the visitor could pick out a gem wherever he chose to look; or if we ignored the opinions expressed as to certain of the exhibits by some of those who went to see them. Without pretending to be experts we can state that our own opinion was that there were not a few very clever, and beautiful studies. It is all a matter of the angle from which one views a picture (literally as well as figuratively), and the degree of one's appreciation. As for some of the paintings—or more correctly, water-colour drawings—they tended towards the amateurish. There are good and bad in everything, and the art lover need not be told which are which. What might seem fine to one person—the artist himself, for instance—might not appeal to the majority. So let it be; for we are not minded to further what might develop into a controversial discussion. As independent commentators we have had our say. Benevolent Societies.

The annual report of Hongkong's Benevolent Society exhibits anew that quiet charity which does a great deal without any ostentation, and shows results of which its organisers might well be proud. How great is that humanity which, being cognisant of the sufferings of the unfortunate of this world, gives of its best in aid and succour. Thus we find people devoting much of their time to honorary work which can offer as a reward nothing but the knowledge of having brought peace of mind, and maybe life and hope itself, to a fellow human being; and that is enough return for their labour. The local society deserves the help of all who desire to do something for "sweet charity." Our Government, realising, no doubt, that the helping of distressed people, temporarily or otherwise, is an eventual asset to the administration, has generously doubled its contribution. The record of last year's deeds shows that the local society's standard is "no deserving case refused assistance." Others of our citizens might note what that record stands for.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters....." If one may be permitted to dream dreams—it might be that some day an aided destitute will tread the road to fortune, and repay a hundredfold.

**CARP 100 YEARS OLD.**  
A golden carp weighing 24 lbs was netted in the Green Pond, Hampton Court Home Park, while the pond was being cleared out. Its scales were as large as pennies and its age is estimated at 100 years. Another golden carp that was netted weighed 18 lbs. Both fish were placed in the Long Water of Hampton Court Palace gardens.

**DAY BY DAY.**

THE WANT OF BELIEF IS A DEFECT WHICH OUGHT TO BE CONCEALED WHERE IT CANNOT BE OVERCOME.—Swift.

Yesterday's health return shows 31 further cases of small-pox, one being American and the rest Chinese.

The Dollar Line has issued invitations for a reception to be given aboard the as. President Harrison on Monday next. This is the first of the vessels to arrive here on the round-the-world service.

At yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board, a notification was read from the Shamian Municipal Council advising visitors not to go into the native city at Canton, on account of the prevalence of small-pox.

The Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. officials for the present year are:—President—Dr. Ng Tin Po; Vice President—Dr. Chau Wei Cheung; Recording Secretary—Ngan Kwan Yu; Treasurer—Wong Kwong Shuen.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., held yesterday, the resolutions increasing the Company's capital from two million to six million dollars were unanimously confirmed.

The newest organization within the Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. is the Chinese Dramatic Club which was formed a few days ago by a number of senior and junior members, the object of which is to study and enact theatrical performances.

Whilst carrying a European in the Albany yesterday, a chair coolie collapsed. He was removed to the hospital, where efforts made to bring him round were unsuccessful, for the man later died. Enquiries showed that his age was 50.

The number of cases of small-pox notified in the Colony last week was 204 and the number of deaths was 89. All the cases notified were Chinese with the exception of two (one British and one American). During the 24 hours ended January 28th, 14 further cases were notified (one being British).

Mr. G. P. Bradford, of Messrs. Struthers and Barry, is returning to Hongkong on the President Jackson after an extended business and pleasure tour of the States. Mr. Bradford will relieve Mr. A. E. Francke as manager in Hongkong, while Mr. Francke will shortly leave to take charge of the Manila office.

An arrest has been made in connection with the armed robbery on an Indian's flat at No. 40, Shaukiwan Road. On the same day a man was searched at the Ming Yuen Gardens and arms were found on him. Three revolvers were included in the charge to be preferred against the prisoner in due course.

"One Exciting Night" enters upon its last two days at the Coronet to-day. The next attraction is "Thorns and Orange Blossoms", a film notable for the return of the up-to-date vamp to the screen. Estelle Taylor is said to give a new characterization altogether, and the film itself is said to be a treat to the eye.

Captain E. E. J. Bensley, R.G.A., is granted leave of absence on private affairs, from 4th to 10th Feb., for the purpose of proceeding to Swatow. Major S. B. Coates, M.C., 24th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), is granted 12 months leave of absence from 14th March for the purpose of proceeding to the United Kingdom.

In the Singapore Supreme Court last week the Chief Justice dismissed the appeal by Captain Schlette of the K.P.M. steamer, Van Cloon, and Mr. L. Straatmeier, manager of the K.P.M., the representatives of the owners, who had each been fined \$3,000 for allowing the vessel to be used for importing opium. Part nearly 1,500 taha of opium, part of the drug, was discovered in a bag in the paint room the day after the vessel arrived in Singapore at the end of October, while a larger quantity was discovered in the hull room, the key of which was in possession of the second officer.

**INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE IN BRITAIN.****RAILWAYMEN APPEASED BUT OTHERS FOLLOW.**

(Reuter's Service.)

(Continued from Page 1.)

London, January 29.

Regarding the terms of settlement of the railway strike, the railway companies declare that they never contended that the decisions of the wages board were obligatory, but they were justified in giving effect to same. The companies are prepared to alleviate the hardship which it has been represented would be involved in the decision to drivers and firemen, on a mileage basis, so that 130 miles shall equal one day's pay, but the mileage will be increased to 140 in July and 150 in January, 1925, unless in the interval it is agreed otherwise.

The companies undertake that there shall be no dismissals arising out of the application of the decision. All strikers presenting themselves for work within reasonable time will be reinstated as soon as practicable, without reference to seniority. The signatories agree to use every endeavour to secure that all railwaymen shall work together amicably. Any proved breach of this condition shall be a cause for disciplinary action by the companies.

The Dockers Now.

London, January 29.

Following the railway settlement a dockers' strike is now threatened. The national delegate conference of the Transport Workers' Union in London to-day, representing 130,000 dockers all over the country, decided to instruct the members to strike on February 16th in all ports in Great Britain unless in the meantime a satisfactory settlement of the wages dispute be reached. The dockers demand an increase of two shillings a day, and a guaranteed week's work or pay, in order to meet the problem of casual labour. The employers say they cannot afford to pay the increase demanded, which will cost two millions sterling per annum, in view of the depression in the shipping industry.

**THE PALATINATE QUESTION.****FRENCH SUGGESTION TO BRITAIN.**

Paris, January 29.

The Government has proposed to Britain that questions relating to the maintenance of public order and the security of the occupation troops in the Palatinate be submitted to the Ambassadors' Conference. It also favours the reinstatement of German officials whom the Separatists expelled. Belgium has acquiesced.

**NEW GOVERNOR OF WINDWARD ISLANDS.**

London, January 29.

Sir Frederick Seton James, K.B.E., has been appointed Governor of the Windward Islands in succession to Sir G. B. Haddon-Smith K.C.M.G.

(Sir Frederick James has been Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements since 1916.)

**THE BOMBAY MILL STRIKE.**

Bombay, January 29.

Ninety thousand mill hands are now striking, and sixty-three mills will be closed until February 4th, after which if work be not resumed unconditionally they will be closed for a further fortnight.

**AUSTRALIAN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

Melbourne, January 29.

In the Australian lawn tennis championships final, Anderson beat Schlesinger, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 5-7, 6-3. In the doubles, Anderson and Brookes beat Patterson and O'Hara Wood, 6-2, 6-4, 5-3.

**GREECE AND RUSSIA.**

Athens, December 29.

There is reason to believe that the Government has decided in principle to establish commercial relations with the Soviet Government.

**OLYMPIC WINTER CONTESTS.**

Chamonix, January 29.

At ice hockey, Britain beat France by 15 to 2. Canada beat Sweden by 22 to nil.

At curling, Britain beat Sweden, by 38 to 7.

**HOLLAND AND SPAIN.**

The Hague, January 29.

Prince Henry of the Netherlands is to visit Spain in March, travelling on the warship *Heemskerk*.

**SIGNIFICANT.**

Berlin, January 29.

Not a single Separatist has been returned in the elections to the Palatinate Landtag.

(Reuter's American Service.)

**THOSE OIL LEASES.****RESOLUTIONS AND COUNTER-RESOLUTIONS.**

Washington, January 29.

Mr. Denby announced he had no intention of resigning, being convinced that his action in connection with the oil leases was right. He would do the same again regardless of the consequences. Referring to Mr. Robinson's resolution he said he would like to see the Senator who would vote in favour of a resolution besmirching the character of any man without according him an opportunity to be heard. Senator Whoofer proposes to move a resolution in favour of the resignation of Mr. Daugherty.

**AMERICA'S BUMPER YEAR.**

Washington, January 29.

The imports for 1923 were \$7,911 million dollars against \$1,112 million in 1922, of which the imports from Europe were \$1,157 million against \$91 million. The exports totalled \$4,167 million dollars against \$3,331 million, of which exports to Europe were \$2,093 million against \$2,083 million the previous year.

**MEXICAN CAMPAIGN NEWS.**

Mexico City, January 29.

The War Department report that Federal troops have taken Esperanza.

## CAME FROM KOWLOON.

## A WORTHY CAUSE.

## BENEVOLENT SOCIETY'S WORK.

Wong Fook, alleged to be the leader of a gang of pirates at present in Singapore, who was arrested on January 13th at the consequence of a number of loaded revolvers and pistols being found cleverly concealed in different sections of the framework of two wooden tables and four stools, was produced before the Third Police Court in Singapore the following day when the case against him was transferred to the District Court.

Inspector King, Arms and Explosives Department, charged the accused before Mr. P. A. F. David with importing 21 revolvers or alternatively with possession of the weapons, and similar charges were preferred against the man in respect of 124 rounds of ammunition.

The accused pleaded guilty to the charges and said that he had come from Hongkong. He was born at Kowloon. Mr. Meredith asked for a postponement, remarking that the other members of the gang of which the accused was believed to be the leader, were probably in Singapore.

It is believed that the gang referred to probably intended to attack a steamer leaving Singapore for China. This is believed to have been the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co's s.s. Ho Sang.

On the resumption of the case on January 21st, the District Judge, in passing the maximum penalty on the accused, said that the case was one in which the full penalty should certainly be inflicted. On the first charge he would sentence the accused to two years' rigorous imprisonment and 24 strokes of the cat, and on the second charge he would fine the accused \$1,000 or in default six months' rigorous imprisonment, the terms to run consecutively.

## A BAD CHARACTER.

## RECOMMENDED FOR BANISHMENT.

A Chinese named Chan Hok appeared before the Marine Magistrate this morning, charged that, being a suspected person and a reputed thief, he was found on board the s.s. Tanda on Tuesday with intent to commit a felony. He pleaded not guilty.

A Chinese constable said he saw the defendant on the s.s. Tanda among the passengers who were leaving the ship. He saw defendant put his hand in the pockets of a passenger. He then noticed the witness and ran away but was caught. Questioned as to what he was doing, he said he went on board as a coolie. Witness knew him and had arrested him before.

Defendant's story was that he went on board as a coolie to look for a job. He did not put his hand in anybody's pocket, nor did anything wrong.

The magistrate considered the case proved.

Defendant had been previously convicted and in 1916 was banished for life from the Straits Settlements. He was also banished from the Colony in 1916 to Swatow.

The magistrate sentenced him to three months' imprisonment with hard labour and recommended that he be banished.

## STAR THEATRE.

## CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

A gentleman whose appearances are becoming only too rare, but who is assured of a tremendous welcome, is Mr. Chas. Chaplin. Hence the statement that he is booked in "The Pilgrim" for the Star, beginning to-morrow, makes cheerful reading.

Charlie remains Charlie. His style has never even been successfully imitated, and is still in a class of its own. That is all that need be said, for the public will see to it that he receives a good reception.

To-day's picture is "Don't Get Personal," with the saucy Miss Marie Prevost in the leading role.

The London Gazette announces that Lt. Col. P. B. Stafford, O.B.E., of the East Surry Regiment, has been placed on the half-pay list on account of ill-health.

## THE BOOKSHELF.

## A FAMOUS BEAUTY OF OLDEN-DAY CHINA.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts at yesterday's meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the Chairman (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard) said:—It is satisfactory to note that the funds of the Society are in healthy condition, and that after transferring to fixed deposit \$500, the year ends with a credit balance at the Bank of \$1,008.17 as against \$712.48 the previous year. It is gratifying also to see that receipts for life membership have grown from \$250 in 1922 to \$900 in 1923, and I hope that those who have appreciated the good work done by the Society and become life members will not, for that reason, reduce their subscriptions in future. Although the financial result for last year was satisfactory, I wish to point out that the Society is dependent upon the generosity of the public, and I trust that those who recognise that charity has a call upon them will subscribe liberally. The Society has an important function to fill in the Colony and in subscribing to it we can rest assured that the money will be spent to good purpose. Every case coming before the Committee is carefully investigated, and the Committee do their best to render aid only in cases where there is real and genuine distress. Clothes, I may say, are always welcome, and any gifts of this nature are gratefully received. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I would like to correct an omission I observe in the report. Perhaps it is because Mrs. McKenna wrote it. It is this. The Committee thank Mrs. Hickling for her assistance in the past, but there is no mention of the present Hon. Secretary, Mrs. McKenna, nor yet of the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Elliot. Those of you who are connected with the Society are well aware of the difficult and large amount of work that devolves upon the Secretary and Treasurer, especially the former, and the painstaking and able manner in which it is been carried out. I think, therefore, that I will have the full support of the meeting in thanking them also for their services.

## CRICKET.

## H.K.C.C. MATCHES.

The following team will represent the H.K.C.C. 1st XI in a friendly against the I.R.C. at Sookunpoor on Saturday:—T. E. Pearce (capt.), A. L. Gage, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. Owen Hughes, R. E. A. Webster, E. G. Lammett, G. R. More, A. V. T. Dean, Rev. T. B. Powell, H. E. Hollands and L. D. McNicoll.

The H.K.C.C. 2nd XI will meet the Navy in a League game on H.K.C.C. ground and will be represented by:—E. G. Hagen (capt.), C. Blaker, G. H. Piercy, H. H. Day, C. R. Baron, C. V. Mark, H. Griffin, D. E. G. Nicholson, P. Jacks, R. M. Macalpine and J. A. H. Plummer.

## UNIVERSITY PAST &amp; PRESENT.

The annual whole day match between the above teams will take place on University ground on Wednesday, 6th prox. at 10.30 a.m. The following will represent The Past team:—Hon. Sir Claud Severn (Captain), Ng Sze Kwong, A. H. Rumjahn, C. Choa, Rev. E. K. Quick, Yew Man Tsun, A. J. Kew, Wm. Hall, J. M. Jack, Wm. Gittins and H. C. Hunt.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

## H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs, accompanied by Capt. I. Neville, A. D. C., will leave Hongkong in the President Jackson on Friday, Feb. 1st, for Manila, where they will be the guests of Governor General Leonard Wood until the 9th of February, when they intend to return by the President Taft, arriving in Hongkong on Feb. 11th.

On Monday night H. E. the Governor and Lady Stubbs entertained the following to dinner at Government House:—Engineer Capt. and Mrs. Bromwich, Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swire, Paymaster Commander and Mrs. Padwick, Commander Inglim, Mr. and Mrs. Edkins, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsell, Mr. Wade, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. and Mrs. Franks.

On Tuesday afternoon Lady

Stubbs gave a small children's party. About fifty children, between the ages of two and four years, were invited.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

There is much in the ancient literature of China, whether poetry or legend, or biography or history, which repays research, and we of the present day have to thank the students of Chinese classics for the elegant translations that make their appearance from time to time. Special interest, however, attaches to the story of "Yang Kuei-fei," the most famous beauty of China, which has been written by Shuching (Mrs. Wu Lien-teh). It reaches us from the publishers, the Commercial Press, Ltd., of Shanghai. Mrs. Wu Lien-teh is the gifted wife of the famous specialist on pneumonic plague, and a sister of the late Mrs. Lin Boon-keng (who also married a distinguished man, now president of Amoy University) and to whose memory the book is dedicated.

In a preface the author—who is the first Chinese lady to write a book of this nature—gives us a historical explanation of the subject. The four famous beauties of China whose biographies have been handed down from ancient times were respectively the most beautiful, the most virtuous, the most patriotic, and the most artful. The last designated was Yang Kuei-fei, possibly the most famous of the four, and Mrs. Wu Lien-teh's narrative shows that she possessed all the arts of an accomplished, ambitious woman who had no scruples as to how she attained her ends. She lived in the time of the Tang dynasty (A.D. 618 to 905) and for more than twenty years was undisputed mistress of the imperial court. Her dominance over the Emperor Hsuan Tsung (or Ming Huang) leading eventually to the ruin of his realm and her own tragic end, forms one of the most remarkable stories in the annals of the world's empires. In a pleasing, free style the author deals with this beauty's rise to power (alas! in unscrupulous enough fashion), her intrigues, her temporary eclipse, her plots in league with her young Tartar lover, and the retribution which fate ordained should close her notable career.

The whole book is a neat and attractive contribution to the literature of the East, and its value is enhanced by a series of coloured drawings depicting scenes in the tale, the artistic work of Mr. Wu Shih-ying. The story is one dealing mostly with uncurbed passion, and the beautiful subject of the narrative was naturally the inspiration of the most famous poet of the period. This man, Li Po, was one day summoned to the court to compose some verses specially in honour of the petted Yang Kuei-fei. Having been duly reviled after a wine bout, the noted poet dashed off some of his finest lines, of which the following (translated by W. J. B. Fletcher) is an extract:

"Upon the clouds I gaze and see thy vesture floating fair,  
Upon the flowers I gaze and lo! thy cheek is kindling there."

The zephyr brushing through the steep thy footfall seems to be.

"The dew, so like thy freshness, brings the sense of loss to me.

Our broken fates no hope attends. But if on earth we meet no more,

Await me on that fairy shore behind whose clouds the moon ascends!"

The theme of the story is Romance, vivid and instructive, and an insight into the times with which the scenes are laid. It has enabled Mrs. Wu Lien-teh to produce a book that should form a very welcome gift to friends, or a treasured addition to one's own library on Cathay.

There is a brief foreword by Dr. J. C. Ferguson, in which he suggests the narrative "will furnish ample material for playwrights in search of new plots."

It is already a classic of the Chinese stage. The book is tastefully printed on thick paper, and is published at \$3.

V. H. C. J.

## ANCIENT CHINESE CURIOS.

Doctor George Crofts of Tientsin, recently arrived at Vancouver (B.C.) en route for England, where he will present valuable additions to the collection of Chinese antiquities in the British Museum, including many examples of Chinese pottery and sculpture, dating back to 3,000 B.C. Doctor Crofts was the donor of a collection of Chinese antiquities to the University of Toronto, which is said to be the finest one of its kind in the world.

some one or two months before the end of the year the position they were likely to be in at the end, some kind of a rally might be made. Somebody had said to him, "Why could not women's services be used?" He did not know if the time had come for a woman's advisory council to be formed. He wondered if it were possible for the women members to help them during the year in financial matters.

The Bishop took the chair at the meeting, and also present were Sir Claude Severn, Sir Wm. Rees Davies, and the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock.

The Bishop's Speech.

The Bishop, in opening the meeting, said he thought it would be a strong if each year a social gathering could be held before the annual meeting. He asked those present to make a special note of two dates: Monday, March 10th when the Church of England Diocesan Conference began in Hongkong. In the afternoon of that day there would be an open session when Bishop Molony would speak, and he hoped as many as possible would attend. March 14th was the date of the Victoria Diocesan Association Reception at the City Hall to meet Bishop Graves, of Shanghai, and Bishop Norris, of Peking. The General Synod was to hold its triennial meeting this year in Canton from March 16 to 23. There would be fifteen or so Bishops attending the Synod, and as it was the first time they were meeting in the South he was wished that it should be a great success.

In the name of the Church Body he welcomed three new workers who had just joined their ranks. These were Mr. Mason, the organist, the Rev. T. B. Powell, the assistant Chaplain and the Rev. Peel. The Bishop went on to speak of the great work these three had come to do, particularly the first named, who would have to fulfill a responsible and important post, that of organist. He asked for a backing for all these men in their work.

Expenditure.

The hon. secretary, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, read the minutes, and Mr. Hogg, the Hon. treasurer, then presented the accounts, and said the Cathedral accounts for the year gave little cause for congratulation. Not only had the debit balance increased by \$3,800 but there was an excess expenditure over 1922 of \$3,500. This was accounted for, approximately, by \$2,200 under the heading of salaries and allowances.

The cost of upkeep of the Cathedral had increased by \$800 and there was a new item in connection with the Chaplain's house, totalling \$3,500.

There was also an increase of \$1,800 in the amount given away under the heading "special collections," but against these items appeared for the first time for two years interest on credit balances at the bank. This was collected on the donation for the Chaplain's house.

In facing 1924 continued Mr. Hogg,

they might, by exercising economy, be able to make ends meet.

The question of special collections was one which would have to receive the attention of the incoming Church Body. It was a matter for

them that donations from the foreign community for Church ex-

penses could not be moved higher than the present level of \$2,900.

The Church Body intended financing the present deficit by bringing on

to the books the debentures in the Prince's Building and the Land

Company. In a few months there

would be a sum of \$16,000 placed

to their credit.

Arising out of the report, Sir

Claud Severn spoke of the Chater

Endowment, and suggested that this

should be brought out to Hongkong.

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another \$3,000 a year.

Mr. Hogg replying, said this fund

was not in the hands of the Church

Body, but in the hands of the

trustees of the fund. He had

written to them suggesting that the

fund be brought out to Hongkong.

The Deficit.

The Bishop said he hoped the

deficit of \$9,500 would be wiped

off in some way. He was not keen

on these deficits going forward from

year to year. He noticed that there

were only 110 subscribers last year

and he wondered if all the pos-

sibilities in this direction had been

exhausted. He also thought that if

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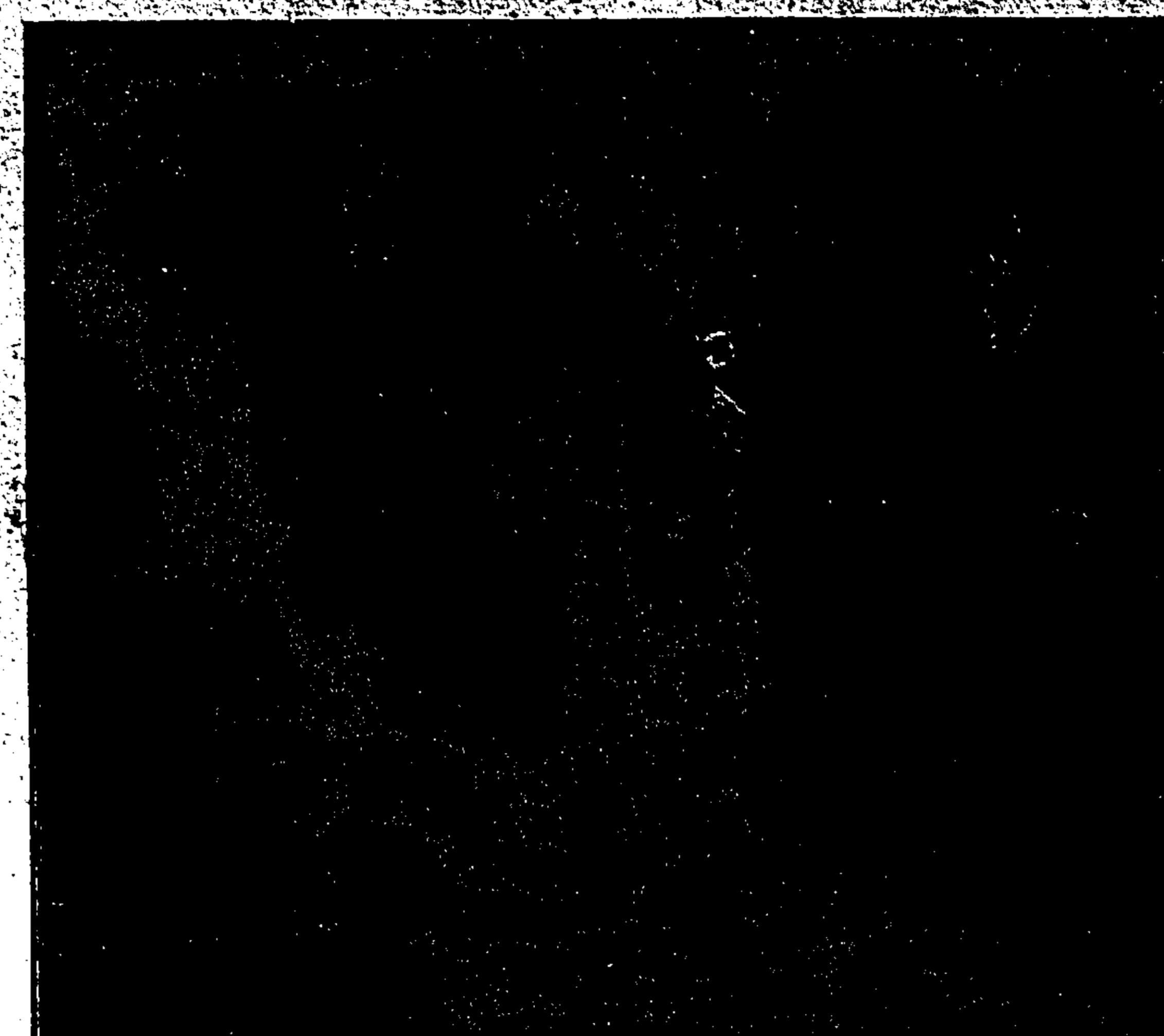
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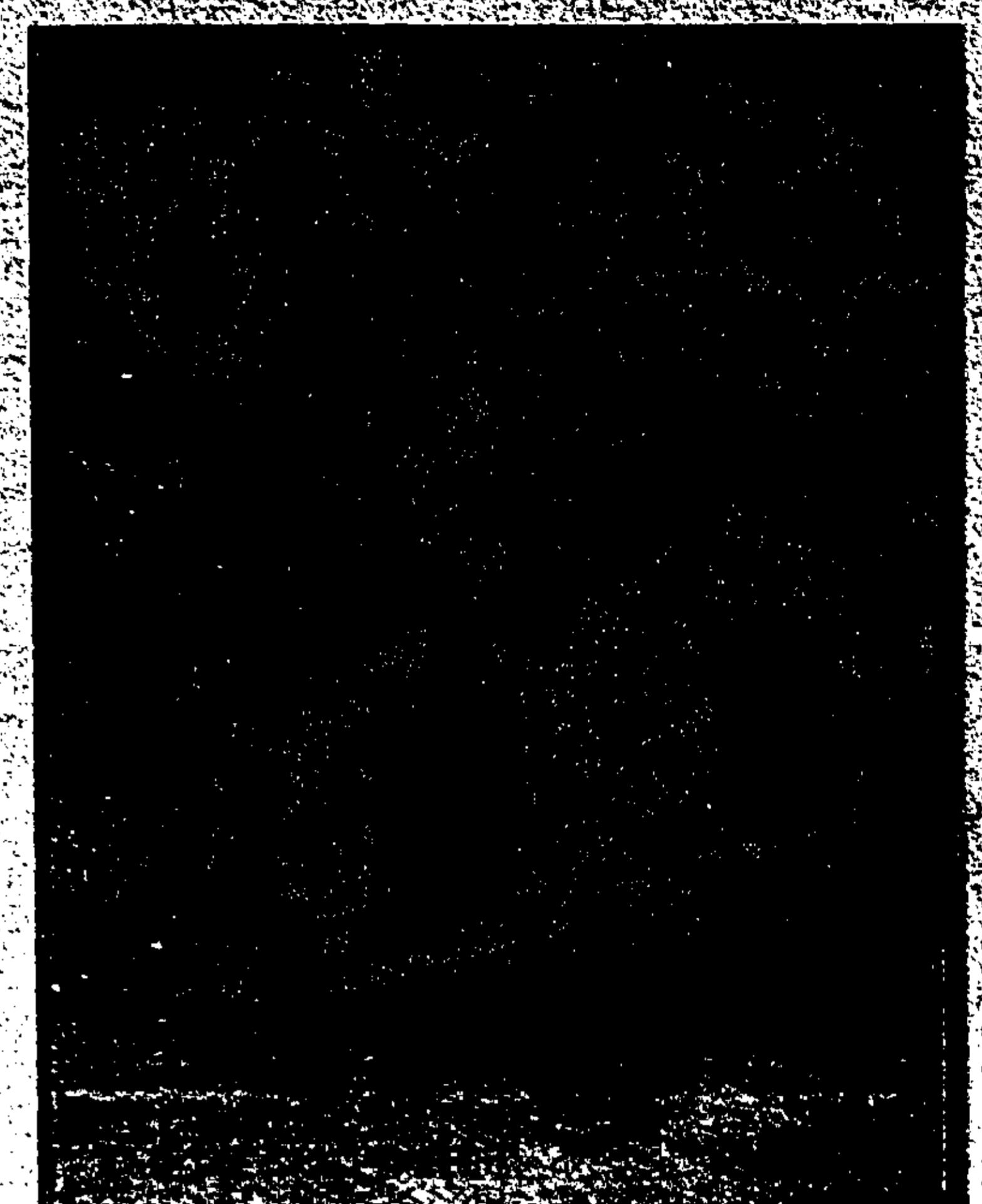
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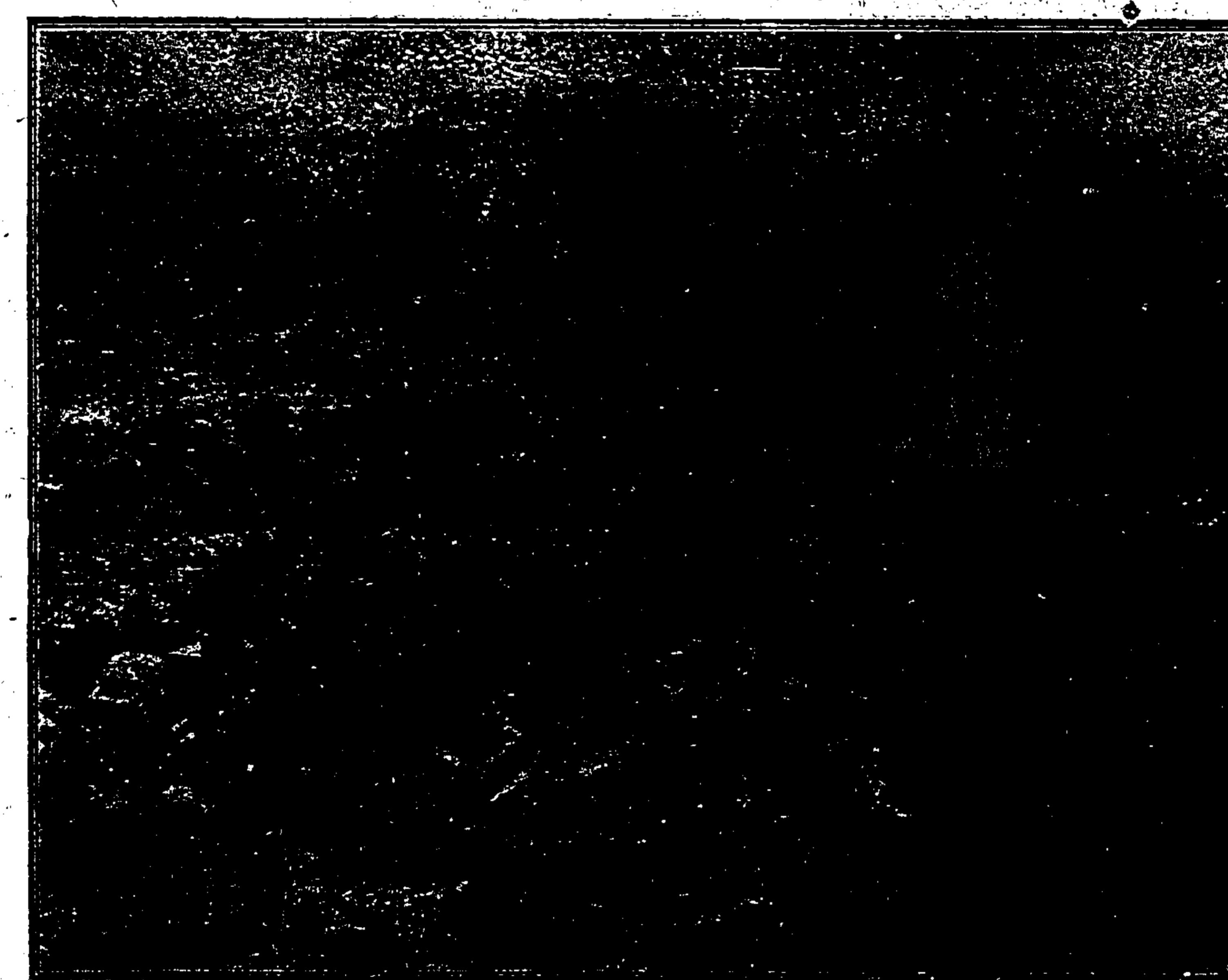
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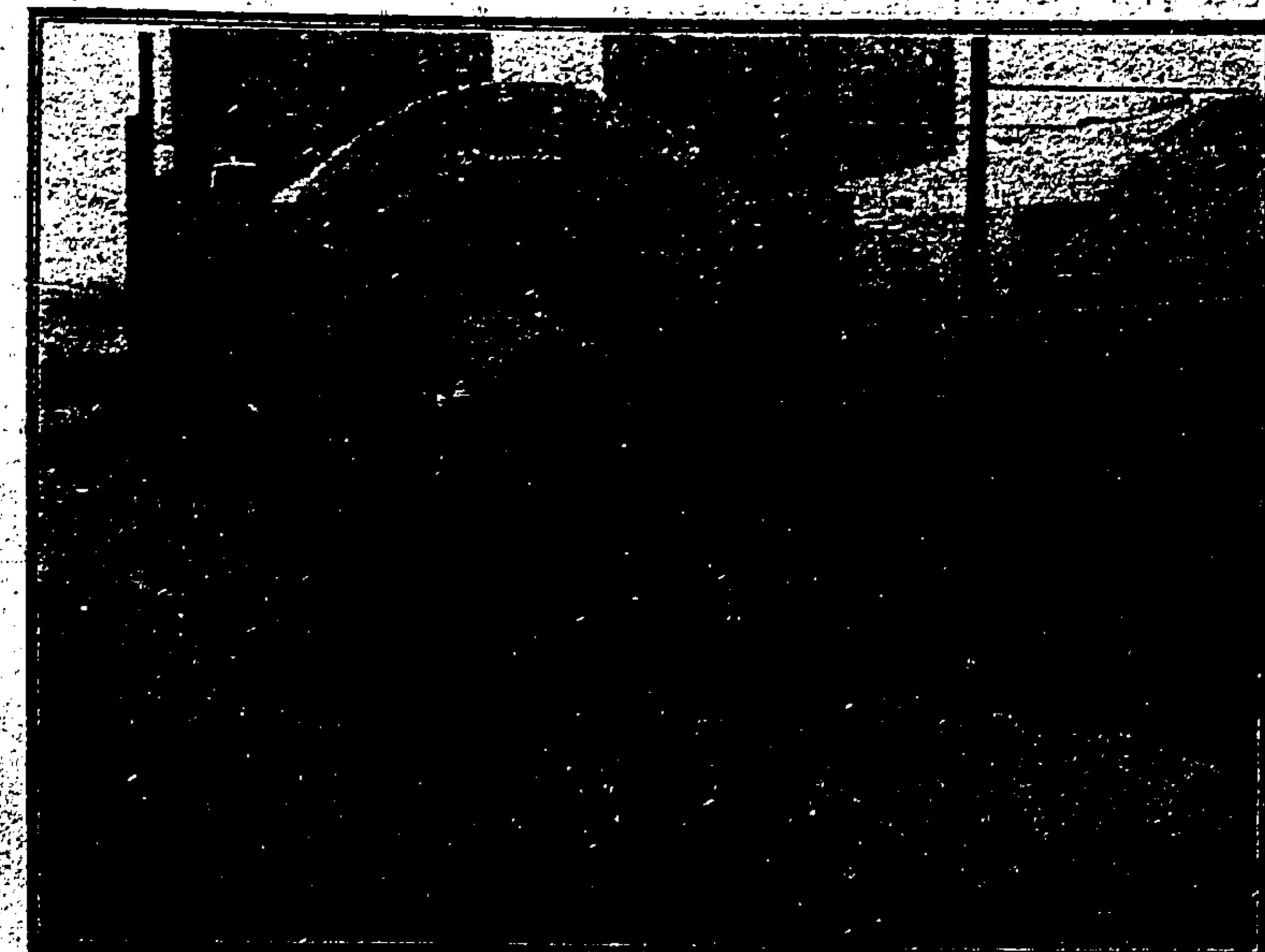
Dr. Schurman, American Minister to China (centre) after performing the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new American Club building on Foochow Road, Shanghai. From left to right are Mr. E. C. Stocker, Vice President of the Club, Judge Charles S. Lobingier, Dr. Schurman, Dr. W. T. Findley and Consul-General Cunningham. Dr. Schurman holds in his hand the silver trowel with which he laid the corner-stone.



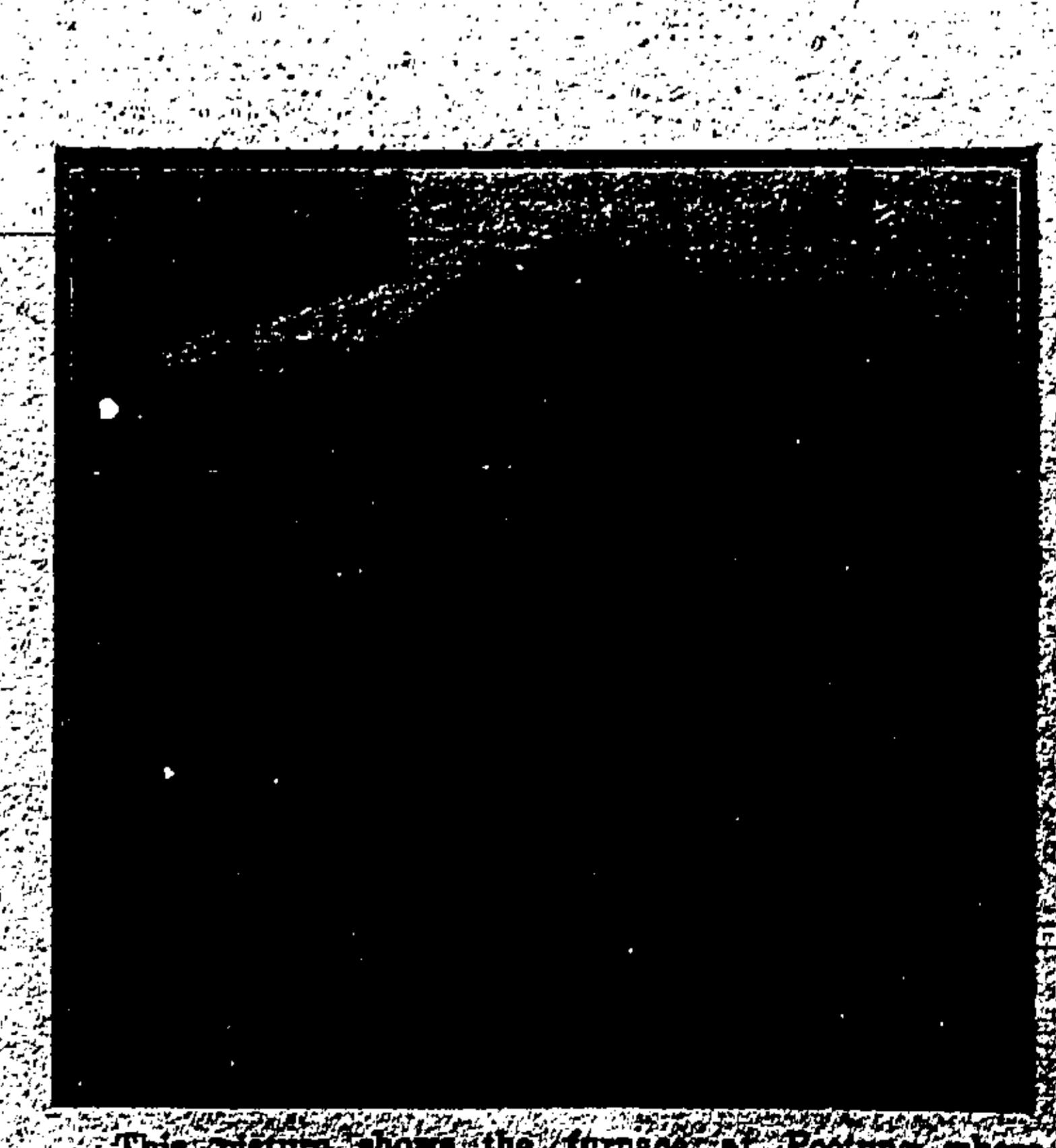
This youngster is not going to school, but is actually an experienced shoe-hawker in Shanghai. He spends his time frequenting places where coolies congregate so that he can sell his wares at six or seven coppers a pair.



Scene of the recent disastrous fire in Chinese territory between North Szechuan Road and Dixwell Road Extension, Shanghai. The area was covered with a mass of mud and bamboo huts occupied by the poorest coolies and pedlars, and has long constituted a fire menace.



The Shanghai Customs Authorities held one of their quarterly disposals of drugs seized during the last three months. Somewhere about \$1,000,000 worth of opium, morphine, cocaine, and paraphernalia were studded into the capacious furnaces and burnt.



"Miss Pittsburg," otherwise Miss Mayme J. Connally selected from among 400 girls represent the "Workshop of the World" in the national beauty contest to be held in New York.

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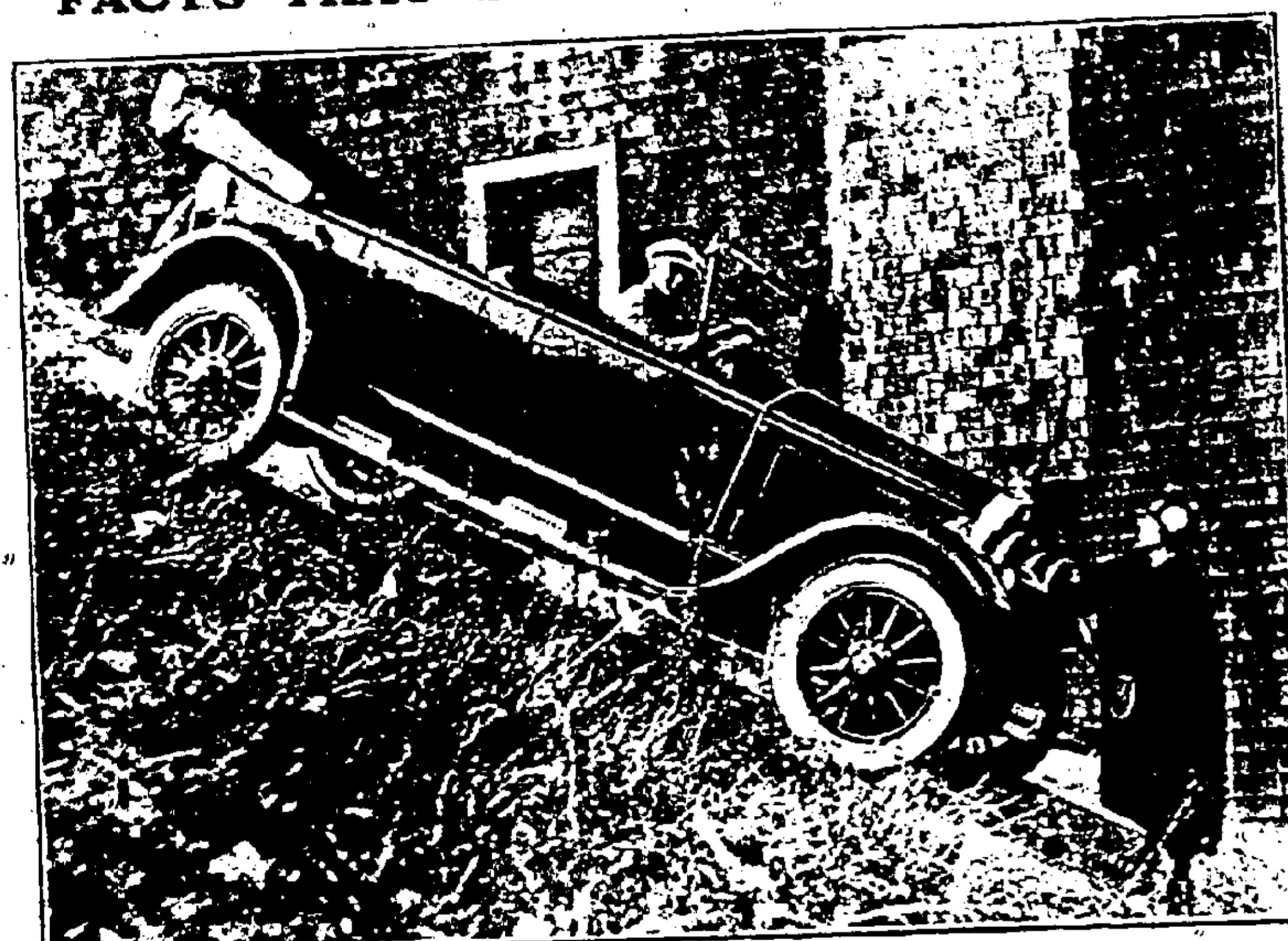
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	15 m.p.h. 20' 8"	15 m.p.h. 20' 8"	20 m.p.h. 20' 8"	20 m.p.h. 20' 8"	20 m.p.h. 20' 8"	25 m.p.h. 25' 9"	
	20 m.p.h. 27'	20 m.p.h. 27'	25 m.p.h. 27' 12"	25 m.p.h. 27' 12"	25 m.p.h. 27' 12"	30 m.p.h. 33' 3"	
	25 m.p.h. 33'	25 m.p.h. 33'	30 m.p.h. 33' 3"	30 m.p.h. 33' 3"	30 m.p.h. 33' 3"	35 m.p.h. 41' 3"	
	30 m.p.h. 33' 3"	30 m.p.h. 33' 3"	35 m.p.h. 41' 3"	35 m.p.h. 41' 3"	35 m.p.h. 41' 3"	40 m.p.h. 59' 1"	
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**CONQUERING THE WINDS.**  
An air motor designed to move a boat or vehicle directly against the wind has been invented by Charles R. Ford of Washington. It consists of a series of fans or windmills mounted on the same shaft and inclosed in a cylinder. Between the fans are stationary pieces of metal that Ford calls "air straighteners." These, the inventor declares, distribute the currents passing through the housing that each fan generates the same amount of power.

There are comparatively few racecourses for motor-car or cycle races in the world. For this kind of sport the main roads are used as a general rule. A special race-course for cars has, however, been built at Grunewald, near Berlin, consisting of two parallel courses connected by great curves at both ends. These courses are made of concrete, and the outside border of each is on a higher level than the inner one. The construction has been chosen in order to eliminate skidding, perhaps with dangerous consequences. Both very broad strips of concrete are separated from each other by an equally broad strip of lawn, which further serves for collecting and draining the rainwater. On both sides of this long track stands are erected where thousands of spectators observe the races with the greatest interest. At distances of several kilometres information tables have been installed which tell the spectators what happens on the course. These tables consist of large iron frames on which smaller tables can be fastened. The smaller tables give the names of the manufacturer of the car, the drivers, the number of laps, the times, etc.

Now it is of great value to give these times over the whole extent of the course as quickly as possible, and in such a way as to enable each spectator to know always what is going on at other parts of the course, and especially the places of the competing motors, their chances, etc. It is clear that this can be done in no better way than by radio, and therefore during recent races a wireless trial service has been installed which it is to be hoped will soon be made permanent.

On the umpire's stand, where times are stated and noted, a transmitter and an antenna broadcast the results by radio-telephony. These results were taken up by receivers installed in small cabins beneath the information tables. A special system of telephony was chosen to enable the officials working in the cabins to receive and to transmit time and observations from and to the umpire's stand. The official receiving the results *via* the headphones wrote them down on single slips of paper, and the man standing on the roof of the cabin made the necessary arrangements on the information table.

A's for the apparatus used, the racing course being situated far from any electric supply, it was necessary to produce the current by a special arrangement. This consisted of a small gasoline motor connected with a small Lorenz charging machine, designed to convert alternating, three-phase, and also continuous currents of the usual voltages into continuous currents of lower voltage for charging accumulators, and generally, also, as motor for driving high-tension generators. In designing this machine a universal offe has been created that can be used first as motor generator for producing the currents required by valve transmitters, and secondly for charging the accumulators necessary for filament current, etc. In the case of the racing installation, an alternating current of 500 cycles was transformed into continuous current of 600 volts. The filament current was taken from a storage battery, and had a pressure of 12 volts.

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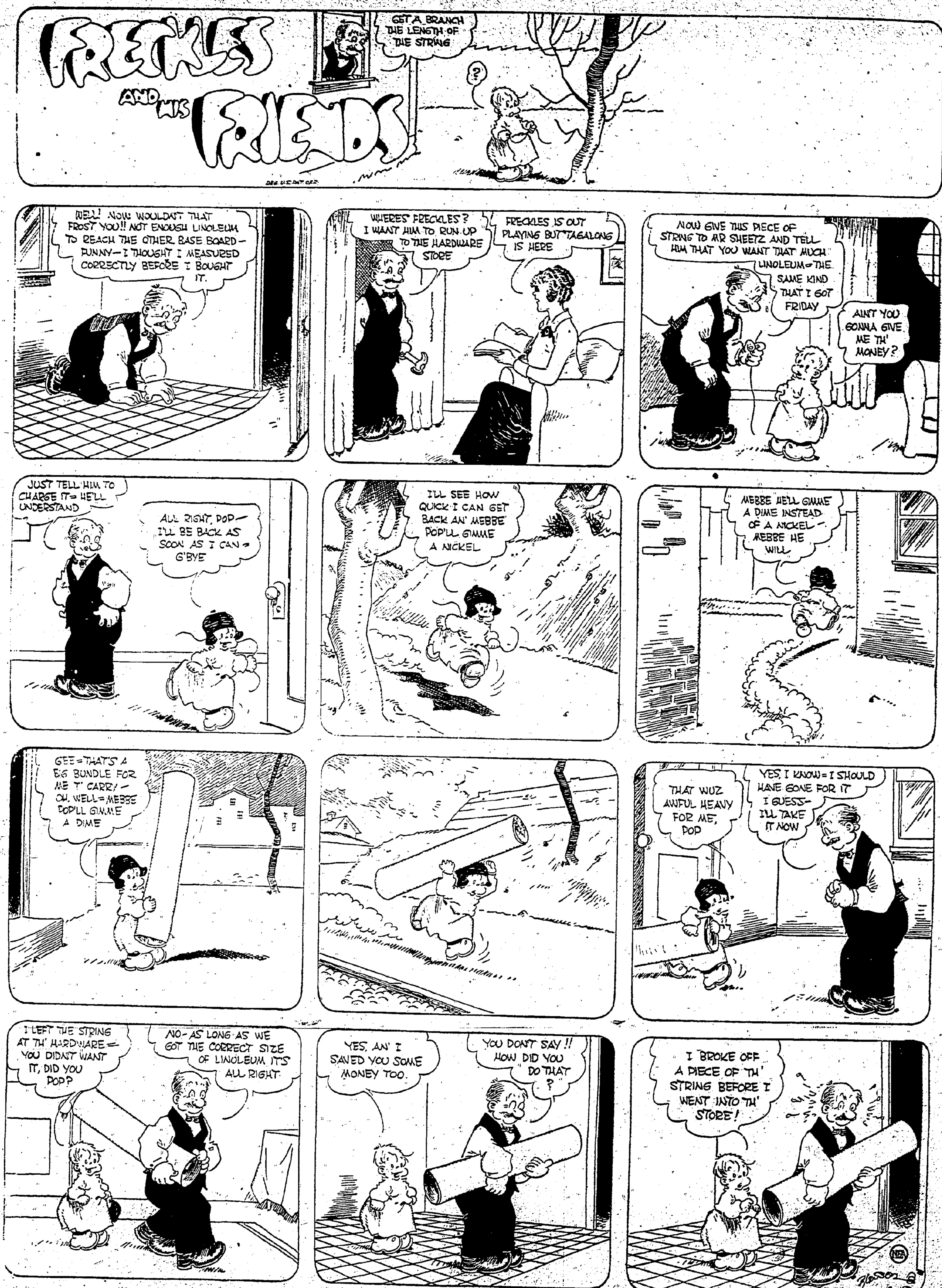
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**SHIPPING NEWS**

The following local shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day:

**Vessels Arrived.**

Vessel	Agents	From	To	Mooring
Hydrangea	China Un.	Saigon	Co's Wh.	8 12
Soochow	B & S	Shanghai	Co's Wh.	A 25
Haihong	Douglas & Co.	Shanghai	West Point	"
Annam	J. Manners	Shanghai	"	"
Solviken	Larren	Bangkok	"	"
Chesapeake	Shue Tai	Chittagong	"	"

**Clearances.**

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Kwango	B & S	Saigon	5th Jan.
Kingman	"	"	"
Wangching	"	Singapore	"
Sewa M.	N.Y.K.	Haiphong	"
Tibishi	JOJL	Macassar	"
Yui M.	UBK	Bangkok	"
Tyndale	d & S	Kobe	"
Nanking	ORK	Saigon	"
Sungshan M.	N.Y.K.	Saigon	"

**Impending Departures.**

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Selling Date
Angre	M.M.	Japan	31st Jan.
Chunyang	J.M.C.	Hainan	1st Feb.
Iwo M.	N.Y.K.	Europe	1st Feb.
Woang	J.M.C.	Singapore	1st Feb.
P. Jackson	A.L.	Manila	1st Feb.
Shinyo M.	T.K.K.	San Francisco	1st Feb.
West Mount	S&B	Meidu	1st Feb.
Perim	P&O	Kochi	1st Feb.
Haihong	J.M.C.	Hainan	1st Feb.
Leemang	J.M.C.	Sundakan	2nd Feb.
Obumang	P&O	Kuta	2nd Feb.
St. Albans	R.D.A. Co.	Melbourne	2nd Feb.
P. Hyss	R.D.A. Co.	Honduras	2nd Feb.
Stuart Dollar	R.D.A. Co.	San Pedro	2nd Feb.
Guang	J.M.C.	Manila	2nd Feb.
Van Cloon	JOJL	Singapore	2nd Feb.
Tjelboet	JCJL	Yokohama	2nd Feb.
Ujimakon	JCJL	Osaka	2nd Feb.
Fairbairn	J.M.C.	Saigon	2nd Feb.
Tayama M.	N.Y.K.	Japan	4th Feb.
Soudan	P&O	Shanghai	4th Feb.

**Impending Arrivals.**

(Supplied by our Advertisers.)

Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
Sawa M.	N.Y.K.	Saigon	29th Jan.
P. Jackson	A.L.	Tokushima	2nd Feb.
Protectors	S&S	Nagaoka	3rd Feb.
Angers	M.M.	Marseille	3rd Feb.
Taurus	TAC	Singapore	3rd Feb.
St. Albans	P&O	Meidu	3rd Feb.
Bennetts	G.L.C. Co.	Singapore	3rd Feb.
Etheridge M.	T.K.K.	Yokohama	3rd Feb.
Blackburn M.	N.Y.K.	Saigon	4th Feb.
P. Harrison	P&C	Kobe	4th Feb.
Perim	O.P.S. Ltd.	Singapore	4th Feb.
E. of Australia	B&S	Shanghai	4th Feb.
Athena	M.M.	Japan	4th Feb.
Yalen	M.M.	Marseille	4th Feb.
Bakerfield	A.L.	Foochow	4th Feb.
Kitano M.	N.Y.K.	Suez	12th Feb.

**Consignees Diary.**

(Compiled from our Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Goods	Free Storage	Claims	Examination Date
Langton Hall	B.L.	Boats	Jan. 15	Jan. 25	Jan. 18
C. of Glasgow	B.L.	Boats	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Fri. & Friday.
Capron	A.L.	Kowloon	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 3
Fre. W. Kinkler	A.L.	Kowloon	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 7
Prometheus	B & S	Boats	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Fri. & Friday.
Anna	I & Co.	Kowloon	Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 2

**TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.**

STOCK EXCHANGE		SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION	
BANKS.		1,116.5	1,150
H.K. & S. Bank		1,119	1,170
Chartered Bank		1,122	1,172
P. & O. Bank		1,124	1,174
Bank of E. Asia		1,125	1,175
Mercantile Banks A & B		1,128	1,178
Mercantile Banks C		1,129	1,179
MARINE INSURANCE.		1,132	1,182
Canton		1,135	1,175
North China		1,140	1,160
Union		1,156	1,186
Yantze		1,161	1,181
FIRE INSURANCES.		1,160	1,145
China Fire		1,165	1,150
H.K. Fire		1,170	1,150
SHIPPING.		1,172	1,157
Doublies		1,178	1,158
H.K. Steamboats		1,188	1,168
Indo. Def. Lon. Reg.		1,193	1,183
Indo. Def. H.K. Reg.		1,193	1,183
Shells		1,198	1,188
Ferris		1,205	1,195
H.K. Tug.		1,212	1,192
China Segars		1,215	1,195
Malabon		1,220	1,195
Kajian		1,225	1,195
Langkawi Combined		1,230	1,195
Perak		1,235	1,195
Penang		1,240	1,195
Malacca		1,245	1,195
General Coal		1,250	1,195
DOCKS WHARVES. GODOWNS &c.		1,260	1,180
		1,260	1,182
		1,262	1,182
		1,265	1,185
		1,268	1,188
		1,272	1,192
		1,275	1,195
		1,278	1,198
		1,282	1,202
		1,285	1,205
		1,288	1,208
		1,292	1,212
		1,295	1,215
		1,298	1,218
		1,302	1,222
		1,305	1,225
		1,308	1,228
		1,312	1,232
		1,315	1,235
		1,318	1,238
		1,322	1,242
		1,325	1,245
		1,328	1,248
		1,332	1,252
		1,335	1,255
		1,338	1,258
		1,342	1,262
		1,345	1,265
		1,348	1,268
		1,352	1,272
		1,355	1,275
		1,358	1,278
		1,362	1,282
		1,365	1,285
		1,368	1,288
		1,372	1,292
		1,375	1,295
		1,378	1,298
		1,382	1,302
		1,385	1,305
		1,388	1,308
		1,392	1,312
		1,395	1,315
		1,398	1,318
		1,402	1,322
		1,405	1,325
		1,408	1,328
		1,412	1,332
		1,415	1,335
		1,418	1,338
		1,422	1,342
		1,425	1,345
		1,428	1,348
		1,432	1,352
		1,435	1,355
		1,438	1,358
		1,442	1,362
		1,445	1,365
		1,448	1,368
		1,452	1,372
		1,455	1,375
		1,458	1,378
		1,462	1,382
		1,465	1,385
		1,468	1,388
		1,472	1,392
		1,475	1,395
		1,478	1,398
		1,482	1,402



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S.S.	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
KASHGAR	8,840	9th Feb. noon	Miles, London & Antwerp
SOUDAN	6,696	16th Feb.	Spore, P'ang, Cbo & B'bay
MOREA	10,911	23rd Feb.	B'bay, Miles, L'don, A'werp
ALIPORE	5,273	27th Feb.	Singapore & Bombay
NAGPORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Spore, Colombo & Bombay
PERIN	7,643	6th Mar.	Spore, Colombo & Bombay
KARMAKA	9,098	8th Mar.	Miles, London & Antwerp
KIDDIRPORE	5,334	10th Mar.	Spore, Colombo & Bombay

**BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)**

JAPAN	6,053	5th Feb.	Spore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	7th Feb.	Spore, Penang & Calcutta
TANDA	6,856	22nd Feb.	Spore, Penang & Calcutta

**EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)**

ST. ALBANS	4,500	2 Feb. 4 p.m.	Manila, S'kan, Thursday
EASTERN	4,000	27th Feb.	Island, Townsville, B'sane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ARAFURA	6,000	2nd Apr.	The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamer to London via New Zealand.

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TANDA	6,956	31 Jan. d'light	Amoy & Kobe
EASTERN	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moj & Kobe
SOUDAN	6,696	4th Feb.	Shanghai
PERIN	7,643	7 Feb. d'light	Shanghai & Kobe
MALDERA	15,993	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	14th Feb.	Moji & Kobe

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HEDDERSHIRE	25th Feb.	GLENBEG	1st Mar.
GLENLICE	10th Mar.	Genoa, L'don, R'dam, H'burg	
GLAMORGANSHIRE	25th Mar.		
GLENSHANE	6th Apr.		

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FUSHIMI MARU ... Wednesday, 13th Feb.  
HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.  
MITO MARU ... Middle of Feb.  
LIVERPOOL via MARSELLES & VALENCIA

DURBAN MARU ... First half of Feb.

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## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Fine Book by W. J. A.  
Davies.

Says a *Times* reviewer of "Rugby Football," by Mr. J. A. Davies (Webster's Publications, 18s net):

When congratulated from Windsor Castle the writer of this book is addressed as "Constr. Lieut.-Commander W. J. A. Davies, O.B.E." but he is of such eminence that "Davies" without prefix suffice or further indication would suffice. As captain and stand-off half-back of the England Rugby XV, he exhibited many excellencies; perhaps the chief of them was his knack of doing not only a right thing but the right thing, that is, the thing that was timely. Consequently, it is no surprise that he should publish his book on Rugby Football in the week of the first big match since his retirement at a time when election or no election—in clubs and crowded railway carriages and places where men discuss Rugby Football the most urgent question of all is "Who is to take Davies's place?" No one will suggest that it can be filled.

Part of his book is technical,

and in that he makes it clear that

Rugby Football is far from being

the dog-fight that some suppose,

is a warfare as intricate as cricket

and much less leisurely. As a

professional constructor he sees

that each part of the team machine has a special function to

perform, and that it can only per-

form it without wasteful friction

nicely balanced on all the other

parts. But the parts are individ-

uals, and the machinery exists

only to enable them to show in-

dividuality—which is what "win-

international matches". In addi-

tion, Mr. Davies tells us some-

thing about his own extraordi-

narily successful career, and re-

calls, in all modesty, certain

famous coupés of his own—as, for

instance, the charge of policy

which enabled the Navy, the side

he captained, to beat the Army in

the last five minutes of the match

of 1911 after being ten points be-

hind at half-time. There is a

great deal in the book about

international matches and the

characteristics displayed in their

football by the various nations;

and many most evocative pass-

ages about the methods of the

great ones whom Mr. Davies as-

sisted or thwarted on the field.

The buoyant figure of Pouhon

rhapsodizing, as it were, on a

concertina—how clearly it comes

back as we read of "the run with

the head well back and ball held

in outstretched hands!" And the

French—we have our joke with

them as they have with us—they

do not apparently remember that

there is a time to be silent as

well as a time to speak. We hear

of a winging forward who, finding

himself in a favourable position

in a line-out, "festiculated wildly

and shouted. A moi, je suis tout

seul." Mr. Kipling tells us that

we get what we want if we do

not bargain about the price: the

Frenchman got the ball, but there

arrived simultaneously—and ap-

propriately enough out of the

blue—"Stoker Tom Woods, R.N.

the heaviest forward in the Eng-

lish pack, and Private Ed. R.

Gardiner, ex-champion boxer of

the Royal Marines."

NECESSITY FOR PRACTICE.

It is suggestive that Mr. Davies

does not dogmatize about tech-

nicalities; but one point he does

insist on—the necessity for

practice. Those famous im-

promptus of his—it turns out that

they had all been carefully re-

hearsed, many of them with his

partner Mr. Kershaw. All devices

within the spirit of the rules are

equally good to him; they are

useful or the reverse according

to the conditions in which they

are adopted. It is tempting to

set down at length what he has

to say about the use and the

misuse of the kick in attack. He

has been called "the worst for-

ward in Europe," but he contrives

to explain the mysteries of for-

ward play. He is one of those

half-backs who are solicitous for

the forwards and would humour

them by adjustment of grips when

those sybarites grumble because

the scrum is uncomfortable."

Just as Mr. Davies brings out

that the Rugby team is composed

not of merely mechanical parts

but of individuals who must

think as well as act, so he proves

that the Rugby drill is worth

mastering for the sake of the

Rugby thrill—which is not to be

attained in its fullness without it.

One does not associate Mr. Davies with indeci-

sion, but apparently there is one

point upon which he cannot make

up his mind—whether it is more

enjoyable to be tackled or to

tackle someone else. We shall

go to Twickenham after reading

this book much better equipped

for enlightening our neighbours,

for the kick in attack is not to

be trifled with.

For the record, however, we

have the following:

Mr. Davies' book is a

most valuable addition to

the literature of the game.

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